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TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)
 FROM : Director, FBI (61-7665)
 SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: January 27, 1953

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Reurlet January 15, 1953.

Based upon your recommendation, authority is granted to continue payments to this informant at the rate of \$800 per month, effective February 1, 1953, for a period of three months. This sum is authorized to be used in the following manner: \$600 for living expenses, including payments on his automobile; \$100 for miscellaneous expenses, including entertainment, ordinary travel and literature; and \$100 for payments on back debts.

The Bureau is closely following the development of this individual and you should continue to personally supervise his handling to obtain the maximum benefit from his services.

The information he was able to obtain concerning the recent meeting of the "top nine people" in New York is very interesting and you should endeavor to have the informant obtain an elaboration of this meeting if at all possible. Biweekly reports should be submitted to the Bureau concerning the informant's activity and efforts to become reactivated on behalf of the Bureau and two weeks prior to the expiration of the authorized payment period you should again submit an informative summary setting forth the value of the informant and your recommendation as to his continuance.

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Reference Chicago progress letter captioned above, dated January 15, 1953, and Bulet of same date and caption requesting continuance of biweekly progress letters summarizing the results of contacts of the informant and setting forth steps being taken to reactivate informant in the Communist Party. The following is submitted in conformance with Bureau instructions:

On January 15, 1953, informant was in contact with IRWIN STEIN, Business Manager of "The Sentinel", a magazine which, according to the informant, was originally purchased with money arranged for by the Communist Party. STEIN, according to the informant, has been active in the Jewish field of the Communist Party and of the International Workers Order for ten or more years, and a close associate of LEON KATZEN, CP Financial Secretary in Chicago, who has been underground for the past two years.

STEIN discussed his business connections with "The Sentinel" and indicated his contacts with present CP district leadership are limited. He then told [redacted] who was present, that he, STEIN, was [redacted] with her and would be in touch with her later to give her details. It is noted that [redacted] had previously been contacted by LEON KATZEN who had arranged with her for the [redacted] by individuals, with the understanding that her [redacted] would be turned over to the Communist Party. This, according to CG 5824-S, was the first use [redacted] for such purpose and indicates that STEIN is presently in contact with KATZEN. STEIN then discussed the ROSENBERG case, the Prague trial, and other matters relating to anti-Semitism, and indicated that he is now primarily engaged in work in the Jewish field. He told the informant he would remain in contact with him. b7D

In connection with the above, recent fisurs of KATZEN have reflected that KATZEN visits STEIN; and further, that the car presently being driven by KATZEN is registered in

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STEIN's name. Information was also recently developed that KATZEN, during January, 1953, in renting a room, which he presently occupies, under an alias name, used the name of STEIN as a reference. STEIN, when contacted by the landlord concerning KATZEN, advised the landlord that he had known this individual for years and that the individual was a reputable citizen. It therefore appears that the information of this informant as to STEIN's being in contact with KATZEN has been corroborated.

On January 16, 1953, the informant exhibited a letter which he was drafting to be mailed to NY 694-S at New York for delivery under pre-arranged plans to WILLIAM WEINER. The letter contained a report requested by the National Office of the Communist Party relating to the CP membership and trustworthiness of Dr. HERSCHEL MEYER, a teacher at the Jefferson School in New York, formerly a resident of Chicago. This report was prepared by the informant on the instruction of WEINER, and in connection with the obtaining of the information, the informant had contact with LEON KATZEN, previously referred to, and DAVID ENGLESTEIN, CP, District #8, Publicity Director in December, 1952. The other matter reported on in this letter related to the informant's carrying out of the instructions of WEINER that he was to contact KATZEN and arrange for the assignment of two Party people, full time, in connection with the promotion of the recently-published new PAUL ROBESON records.

The informant used the letter and his report of the results of his contacts with these functionaries as a means to complain to the National Office through WEINER that he had difficulty both in the obtaining of the requested information and also in the transmittal of his report. In the letter to WEINER he explained his tardiness in reporting this information because of the infrequency of direct contact with local leadership and because of lack of regular communication arrangements. Informant advised the interviewing Agent that his reason for complaining to WEINER is that he hopes the word will get to FOSTER of the informant's dissatisfaction with present arrangements between informant and the National Office, and as a result, new instructions might be forthcoming to place the informant in closer contact with CP leadership locally and in New York.

On January 23, 1953, CG 5824-S had a luncheon date with HARRY MILLER, his contact for meetings with LEON KATZEN, previously

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described. MILLER had previously been in contact with [] and told her that he was departing for New York and made inquiry as to whether the informant wanted him to do anything while there. Other sources available to this office had advised that MILLER would be in New York from January 23 until January 28, 1953, and that one of his contacts while in New York would be STANLEY LEVISON, a close associate of WILLIAM WEINER.

Since CG 5824-S had not verified whether NY 694-S had delivered the above-described letter to WEINER, the informant, on January 23 last, made telephonic contact with NY 694-S in New York and ascertained that the New York informant had been sick for more than a week and had been unable to deliver the letter. The informant advised NY 694-S that he would have MILLER contact the New York informant, and instructed NY 694-S to turn the letter over to MILLER for delivery to WEINER.

At the luncheon engagement with MILLER on January 23 last, the informant told MILLER about his sending the above-described letter to NY 694-S for subsequent transmittal to WILLIAM WEINER, and also advised MILLER of the illness of NY 694-S which had prevented the delivery of the letter as scheduled. Informant therefore requested MILLER while in New York to contact NY 694-S and to obtain the letter and to deliver it to WEINER personally if that was possible. The informant also orally told MILLER to express the informant's dissatisfaction concerning present arrangements which he had with the National Office and the Chicago leadership, and MILLER assured the informant that he would handle the matter and see if better arrangements could be made. MILLER also told the informant that he, himself, had expected STANLEY LEVISON to be in Chicago during the month of January, but that LEVISON had not made contact with him. MILLER referred to the recent CP trial in New York and to the apparent disruption of the national leadership of the Party in explaining the possible reason for the slow action of the Party in connection with its relations with the informant. He also told the informant that KATZEN was well but busy, and that they, that is he and KATZEN, would see the informant on MILLER's return from New York City.

MILLER then told the informant that he had purchased a new car and would [] According to CG 5824-S,

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MILLER was extremely friendly and indicated his displeasure at the failure of the Party officials to keep in closer contact with the informant.

MILLER, according to other sources, returned to Chicago on the evening of January 28 last. On January 29 last he was in telephonic contact with [redacted] and arranged a luncheon date with her for that date, which he later broke because, as he explained, he had to leave Chicago on business. He returned to Chicago on February 2, 1953, and again was in contact by phone with [redacted] asking her to have lunch with him. The source was unable to accept the luncheon engagement due to the fact that she had previously arranged a luncheon engagement with IRWIN STEIN in connection with the [redacted] matter previously described. At the date of the writing of this letter the results of MILLER's trip to New York have not been transmitted by MILLER to the informant. b7D

However, on February 1, 1953, CG 5824-S advised that on the previous date he had again contacted NY 694-S by telephone at New York, and this informant advised CG 5824-S that MILLER had made contact with him and appeared to be friendly and had taken care of the matter. It is therefore quite certain that the above-described letter was delivered to WEINER and the results of MILLER's contacts in New York will be obtained within the next few days.

On January 25, 1953, the informant was in contact with JEAN KOSMAN, known to the informant as a Party person formerly active in the Hyde Park Section of the Communist Party and believed presently still active in the Party by concentrating her efforts as a Party person in the Progressive Party. This contact was had by the informant at the residence of MAX and GENEVIEVE WEINSTEIN, in-laws of HARRY BRIDGES. The informant was cordially received, and they discussed certain organizational problems that had arisen in the Progressive Party as a result of the Communist Party National Committee resolution which appeared in the "Daily Worker" of December 28, 1952.

The informant continues his correspondence with MARCEL and LENA SCHERER and with WILLIAM LAWRENCE of New York, and has again during the past two weeks obtained valuable information concerning the national leadership from these sources. Through correspondence

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he raises certain matters relating to the leadership of the Party and to international issues, and the information the informant receives from these sources is in answer to the issues raised in the informant's letters. The informant has recently noted that LENA SCHERER has become more security conscious, and where formerly she wrote to the informant at his residence and used her own name and correct address on the outside of the envelope for return purposes, she now writes to the informant's wife, and the envelopes contain no return address. The informant was advised in one of these letters that MARCEL SCHERER has recently received publicity in the "New York Daily Mirror" wherein he was alleged to have had association with the ROSENBERGS. The informant stated that for this reason he believes that LENA SCHERER is becoming increasingly security conscious and there will be difficulty in obtaining current CP information from these people until other arrangements are made for the transmittal of confidential matters.

The informant additionally continues to supply information of value relating to National Office personnel, and, in addition, within the past two weeks has furnished the identity of two individuals of possible value with whom he was in contact in Moscow in 1947 and who confided in him that they wanted to get out of Russia by any means. This information is being transmitted to the Bureau because it is felt that the information in the possession of these individuals, if arrangements could be made for a contact with them by CIA, would be extremely valuable in connection with counter-intelligence work.

In attempting to evaluate the quality and quantity of current information being furnished by this informant, the Bureau's attention is called to the reports of SA RUSSELL S. GARNER of New York in the case entitled "CP USA, IS-C" dated January 19, 1953, and SA RICHARD J. BAKER, Chicago, in the case entitled "COMMUNIST PARTY, DISTRICT #8" dated January 18, 1953. A review of the New York report reflects that the informant's information was extensively used under the following headings:

"Information Re Present CP Leadership"

"Organization and Political Differences Within CP National Leadership"

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"New Demands to be Made on CP Membership"

"Security Measures"

"Underground Operations"

"Factionalism"

"International Examples of Factionalist Disputes"

"Revisionism"

"Dispute on Marxist-Leninist Concept of 'State and Revolution'"

"Right to 'Criticism and Self Criticism'"

"Opposition to Leadership of Foster"

"Strengthen the Fight for Peace"

"CP Disappointed with New York Trial Publicity."

The referenced Chicago report also used the informant's information extensively along the lines of the same subject matter set forth in the New York report. It is also noted that in the referenced New York report a considerable amount of CG 5824-S's information was verified through [] and other informants of similar stature. b7D

On January 30, 1953, CG 5824-S was contacted and advised that on the previous date, [] had visited the Modern Book Store, CP outlet for literature in Chicago, and had a conversation with WILLIAM SENNETT who told her that DAVID ENGLESTEIN, previously described, had again gone and that he, SENNETT, was taking ENGLESTEIN's place. SENNETT then sent greetings to the informant and indicated he would see the informant in the near future. b7D

On the same date the whole reactivation program of this informant was discussed with him in detail. It was agreed that during January, positive reactivation efforts had not been as encouraging as had been expected as a result of the informant's New York trip in November and December last. It was nevertheless agreed that

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there are certain indications that point to the continued friendliness of the Party leadership toward the informant. The most important indication, of course, is the continued close friendship of HARRY MILLER, and MILLER's desire to assist the informant in any way possible in connection with the informant's desire to help the Party. It is felt that since MILLER is in regular contact with KATZEN, he, MILLER, would be the first to know if any suspicion is directed toward the informant. The other positive indication of friendliness and trust of the Communist Party in the informant lies in the fact that [redacted] b7D

[redacted] now has two persons who have apparently been referred to her by the Party, and possibly by KATZEN himself, [redacted]

[redacted] in order that she can [redacted] to KATZEN. This would further tend to indicate the continued trust in both the informant and the source. The third indication of the continued trust of the Party in the informant lies in the apparent friendliness of WILLIAM SENNETT, who has replaced ENGLESTEIN as the open Publicity Director of District #8, Communist Party, in that SENNETT, on January 30 last, sent personal regards to the informant.

In connection with the reactivation discussions, an attempt was made to analyze the lack of contact of LEON KATZEN and DAVID ENGLESTEIN since December, 1952. The informant was of the opinion that this is of little significance because he feels the local leadership will not make a move to utilize the services of the informant unless it is advised to do so by the National Office. Since the informant feels that word has not reached the local leadership as to the desires of the National Office, he places no significance in the lack of contact with him by these individuals.

With regard to KATZEN, the informant feels that he will have contact with this individual within the next few days. The informant pointed out that SENNETT had told [redacted] that ENGLESTEIN has again left, and informant stated that this is apparently the reason for his lack of contact with ENGLESTEIN of recent date. (ENGLESTEIN, according to information available to this office obtained from other sources, appears again to be underground.) b7D

In further analyzing the informant's reactivation efforts, the informant advised that he must wait to hear what results MILLER obtained in New York before he decides on any new moves. He

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feels that because of the high level at which he is attempting to reactivate, any action by him of a positive nature at this time would be a mistake. It was therefore agreed that a discussion would again be held as to future action in connection with reactivation efforts after MILLER contacts the informant and advises him of the results in connection with the New York trip. At that time a program for future action will again be discussed and the informant will be in a better position to take positive action if deemed necessary.

One of the steps now being discussed in connection with further reactivation efforts is the informant's writing of a letter to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Communist Party, which would be a follow-up to the informant's November, 1952, personal contact of FOSTER, and would also include a commentary on the recently published new program of the Party. The informant feels again that whether or not this letter should be written will depend on the message which MILLER received for the informant while in New York. The informant is also contemplating the advisability of transmitting a letter to PEGGY DENNIS, wife of EUGENE DENNIS now in jail, who he understands visits her husband on occasions. This letter would be directed to her merely to inform PEGGY DENNIS that the informant is feeling better and to send regards to DENNIS himself. The informant feels that if DENNIS knew he was well enough to express an interest in the Party, it might result in his submitting instructions through his wife to the national leadership of the Party to put the informant to work. A letter has been directed to New York to advise of PEGGY DENNIS's current address and whether or not she is receiving mail at that address.

The informant continues to be extremely cooperative and is impatient at the results of his reactivation efforts to date. At the same time he feels he must move cautiously and slowly if he is to place himself in a key position.

The informant's chief concern at the present time remains on the issue of security, which he ties up closely with the submission of an income tax return by him, which will be required as of March 15 next. These problems have been put to the Bureau, and the suggestions of the Bureau will be furnished to the informant as soon as they are made available.

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This office is closely supervising the activities of this informant and making regular contacts with him, and the Bureau will be advised of all developments.

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TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

DATE: February 4, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (61-7665)

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The New York Office should furnish to Chicago the necessary information relative to money given to the informant by his brother for the use of informant's father. In addition, the other information set forth in Chicago's letter of January 27, 1953, should be provided as soon as possible.

For the information of Chicago, Bureau representatives discussed with the Department this problem without naming the informant and the Bureau was assured that an attempt will be made to obtain a solution as soon as possible.

The Chicago Office is reminded that the Bureau does not deduct anything from the amount of money furnished to an informant as it is not considered salary furnished to a Federal employee. It is provided for services rendered and in the case of the informant, much of the money is used by him as a necessary expense in connection with the operation.

You will be advised as soon as definite information is received from the Department concerning the manner in which the informant should file any necessary return.

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau, 12-19-52, and Chicago letter to Bureau and New York, 1-27-53, captioned as above, concerning the submission of income tax returns of CG-5824-S, NY-694-S, and [redacted] b7D

On February 11, 1953 this office was in contact with CG-5824-S who advised that his brother, NY-694-S, had telephonically contacted him on February 11, 1953 in reference to the matters set out in Chicago letter of January 27, 1953 and was concerned because of the security aspects of the entire tax problem.

CG-5824-S advised that both he and NY-694-S are concerned about their inability to get a definite plan for the submission of their income tax returns because they tie the whole matter to security. He reminded the agent that the Bureau was first asked to supply a plan in early October, 1952, and that four and one-half months have elapsed and to date no concrete plans have been forthcoming.

CG-5824-S said that NY-694-S stated on February 11, 1953 that it would be difficult for him not to carry CG-5824-S as a dependent on his 1952 income tax return for the following reasons:

1. NY-694-S's books for the year 1952 are set up in such a manner as to carry CG-5824-S as a dependent.
2. The wife of NY-694-S has access to his books and is not aware of the relation between the Bureau, NY-694-S, and CG-5824-S and believes that CG-5824-S has no income other than that received from NY-694-S. The wife of NY-694-S is the sister of ALICE CITTON, wife of ISIDORE BEGIN, New York Smith Act subject, and a family

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problem is involved since she sees the books of NY-694-S and will also scrutinize his income tax return.

3. NY-694-S has described CG-5824-S as being dependent on him to Communists in New York in laying the cover for CG-5824-S's income.

The informant also pointed out that he personally feels that in order to preserve the cover, it is necessary for NY-694-S to report CG-5824-S as a dependent, particularly because of NY-694-S's wife. He feels that it may be possible to make other arrangements for 1953 because it can be explained to the New York informant's wife that CG-5824-S is now married and that he and his wife will file their own return. However, in order to preserve the cover that NY-694-S is helping CG-5824-S, the New York informant could, in the future, still, if necessary, send CG-5824-S checks, which amount the Chicago informant could turn over to the parents of the informants.

CG-5824-S added that both he and his brother have, in their opinion, been most patient in waiting for the Bureau's suggestions for almost five months and that waiting for any additional period to file their returns would involve security, both because of the delay and also because the wife of NY-694-S may become suspicious. Informant said that he personally feels that since no plan has been forthcoming in five months, that there is a possibility that the Bureau will be unable to suggest a suitable plan within the next month. He added that he must report his tax by March 15, 1953 and will do so using his own name unless a plan is forthcoming soon. He said that if he must report under his own name he must conclude that he has no security in his work for the Bureau and will, therefore, be operating more or less in the open. He said that if this happens it may be necessary for him to consider the advisability of an open break with the Communist Party before his cooperation with the Bureau is discovered in order that he can continue his fight against Communism.

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He added that he realizes that an open break will not be the most effective means of helping to combat Communism, but said that in his opinion there would be no alternative means.

It was explained to the informant that the Bureau, first of all, is confronted with a most complex factual situation in his case and that new facts are being presented from time to time, and, secondly, that the Bureau is dealing with outside agencies in attempting to reach some solution and that this is complicating the situation. It was added that the Bureau by letter of February 4, 1953 stated that it was pressing for an early solution.

The informant then pointed out that no definite plans had been proposed and added that if even tentative plans could be outlined for discussion purposes as to their soundness, then he would feel that progress was being made. He added that he is being pressured by both NY-624-S and also by [redacted] to reach a solution as soon as possible. b7D

The Bureau is aware that from a security standpoint and also from a legal standpoint, the informant's tax return matter involves a very complex situation in its present form because the tax reports of three persons are involved. The informant has repeatedly said that the tax matter had been presented by him to the Bureau solely because it involved security and his cover and not because any of the persons involved desired special consideration from a financial standpoint.

Since any plan for reporting by these individuals must emanate from the Internal Revenue Department and such plan to date has not been received by the Bureau, and since the questions involved are legal, this office does not feel that it can outline any tentative plan to the informant on its own initiative. However, in view of the short period of time remaining before the March 15 tax deadline, and since discussion must be had by mail between this office and the Bureau and New York, and the respective informants involved, it is felt advisable at this time to begin at once to clarify and discuss certain matters that must be considered both from a security and legal angle.

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With this in mind, the interviewing agent on February 11, 1953 attempted to discuss with CG-5824-S a number of tax problems involved, both from the security side and from a technical standpoint. The informant is difficult to talk with on these points because of his lack of understanding of the law and also because he feels that the Bureau as the intelligence organization should be set up in such a manner as to handle these matters at a high level in simplified form without too much attention to legal technicalities.

Nevertheless, the interviewing agent attempted to reason with the informant along the following lines:

1. That the best solution for any problem should center around simplicity and the fewer individuals involved, the better the plan might be.
2. If it would not be necessary for NY-694-S to carry the informant as a dependent, even though he contributed to the informant's support and is the cover for CG-5824-S, the tax matter could be simplified to the extent that two rather than three tax returns are involved.
3. The fact that CG-5824-S was married [redacted] during 1952 and that she is known to the CP to be working, might be considered by the New York and Chicago informants as a possible explanation to the wife of NY-694-S for the failure of NY-694-S to carry CG-5824-S as a dependent, even though he contributed to some extent to the support of CG-5824-S during the past year.
4. In connection with the cover, if questions were asked of NY-694-S by either his wife or by others, he might explain that while he in effect is helping CG-5824-S by sending money to him from time to time, nevertheless, CG-5824-S, by virtue of his new status as a married man, is required by law to file a tax return with his wife. Since this return is required, both CG-5824-S and his wife must use the exemptions to which they are entitled in filing

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their own personal return. Therefore, since they must submit their own income tax return and even though NY-694-S contributes to the support of CG-5824-S, he cannot consider him as a dependent for tax purposes.

5. If it can be agreed by CG-5824-S and NY-694-S that the above explanation will provide a cover and account for the income of CG-5824-S insofar as the wife of NY-694-S is concerned and others, then the tax returns of CG-5824-S and his wife would be the only problems involved which the Bureau will have to settle.

It was pointed out to the informant that the matter of NY-694-S helping CG-5824-S financially and NY-694-S's right to use CG-5824-S as a dependent for tax purposes raises two different and unrelated matters, particularly since the marital status of CG-5824-S and his wife has effected a change for tax reporting purposes.

It is felt that since NY-694-S's wife is an intelligent woman, that she would understand the explanation of NY-694-S of the change of marital status of the Chicago informant and that if the New York informant prior to discussing the matter with his wife would verify these views with his accountant, then the proposed plan of eliminating CG-5824-S as a dependent in the return of NY-694-S could be adequately explained to anyone questioning the matter.

In discussing these points with the informant, the agent successfully obtained the agreement of CG-5824-S that an effort should be made to strive for simplicity in any tax return program. The informant, however, said that he was sure that as of the moment NY-694-S and also the Chicago informant are of the opinion that it will be necessary for security reasons for NY-694-S to report the Chicago informant as a dependent for 1952. CG-5824-S, however, feels that if NY-694-S believes the plan and explanation above outlined are workable, and the Bureau approves such a plan, both from a legal and a security standpoint, that he, the informant, will go

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along with any suggested workable plan. He pointed out that NY-694-S under the plan outlined would lose not only the \$600 dependency deduction, but would also lose certain medical credits to which he is entitled, which would thus increase the tax bill of NY-694-S. Informant pointed this out because at the present time he has learned that NY-694-S is in financial difficulties in his business and the informant suggested, therefore, that NY-694-S may also be considering the added tax bill in connection with the over-all problem. It was pointed out to CG-5824-S that the possibility existed that in lieu of NY-694-S claiming the Chicago informant as a dependent, he might be eligible, if he provided income for the use of their parents, to claim the parents as dependents.

The informant, therefore, suggested that the above matters be discussed with NY-694-S at the earliest possible date to get his opinion and suggestions as to the feasibility of maintaining the cover that CG-5824-S was dependent on the New York informant for income even though the New York informant does not carry CG-5824-S as a dependent on his income tax return. He suggested that the reasons for the failure to carry CG-5824-S as a dependent of NY-694-S should be carefully gone over with him in the manner outlined above. The informant pointed out that NY-694-S, like CG-5824-S, is not technically minded nor legally trained, and stated that, therefore, it might be difficult to sell NY-694-S on the feasibility of this plan.

This office has checked the instructions for reporting income furnished by the Internal Revenue Department for 1952. In that connection it might be helpful in explaining the legal aspects of dependency to NY-694-S to call his attention to the fact that five conditions are necessary to qualify a relative as a dependent. Among these are that the dependent did not have income of \$600 or more during the year in question; that the claimant must have provided half or more of the dependent's income; and that the dependent is not claimed as an exemption on the return of the husband or wife of the dependent.

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In connection with the instant case, it should be noted that NY-694-S in any explanations to his wife as to the reason why CG-5824-S cannot legally be carried as a dependent on the return of NY-694-S can only discuss the third condition, that being that CG-5824-S is being claimed as an exemption on the return of the wife of CG-5824-S. No reference can be made by the New York informant to the fact that the Chicago informant had income in excess of \$600 or that the New York informant did not provide more than half of the income of CG-5824-S.

It is not the intention of this office to interfere with the plans or negotiations being formulated between the Bureau and Internal Revenue on the instant case; however, in view of the informants' apprehension and the lateness of formulating a tangible plan, this office feels that the basic questions for discussion between NY-694-S and CG-5824-S as outlined herein should be discussed immediately between them and the propriety and advisability of proceeding along the plan outlined in reference to NY-694-S should be decided upon.

New York is, therefore, requested to contact NY-694-S as expeditiously as possible in order to discuss the above matters with him and to obtain his reactions or reasons why such a plan is not feasible, either from the standpoint of practicability or security. Should the New York informant have alternate plans in mind, New York is requested to submit any suggestions to the Bureau and the Chicago office so that they may be considered along with the plans presently under consideration.

The Bureau is also requested to analyze the feasibility of the plan outlined in this letter from a security and a practical standpoint since this office as yet has received no outlined detailed plan as to how it has been suggested to the Bureau by Internal Revenue that these matters can be handled.

If the plan outlined above is deemed feasible by the Bureau and by the New York informant, it would appear that the problem would be greatly simplified in that it

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it would then only involve the problem of how CG-5824-S and [] should report. Since this problem has been presented to the Bureau for submission to Internal Revenue, Chicago will await the receipt of suggestions from the Bureau.

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February 12, 1953

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MARY PERMAN, nee MARY KAPLAN, aka MARE
KAPLAN, MARY CHERTOK, MRS. MORDNO CHERTOK,
MRS. GEORGE PERMAN K

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ATTENTION: CARL N. FREYMAN, SA (CG 5824-S)

Subject born 1/22/08, Mostly Russia. Entered New York 5/30/17 and naturalized 2/1/43 at San Francisco, California. Resides at 6000 Fulton St, and is employed as sales clerk at Zuhors, 885 Market St., San Francisco. Reportedly recruited 4/7/44 at San Francisco. Subscriber to Daily People's World, the west coast Communist controlled newspaper in 1951. Reported as a CP sympathizer in 1951 a close associate of MARY CERDA and MARION SILLS, CP members. Attended dinner in 1952 for the benefit of the Northern California Peace Council which is controlled and dominated by the CP. Former husbands MORDNO CHERTOK and GEORGE PERMAN, identified as being associated with CP.

It is noted that CG 5824-S advised on 5/8/52 that his former wife was HELEN KAPLAN and that one of her sisters is MARY KAPLAN, the subject of this case. CG 5824-S stated at that time that he did not know the subject's present whereabouts and it appears that he does not know of her current activity since he stated that she left the party movement about 1940.

New York 694-S advised on 9/9,16/52 that the subject accompanied him on a trip to Russia as his parabount in 1932. The subject apparently went as a cover for NY 694-S who attended a Comintern Radio School.

It is recognised that CG 5824-S is not to be contacted in reference to rank and file CP members, but it is suggested that he be interviewed in this case since the subject was his sister-in-law and for the Security of the informant San Francisco should have information he can furnish before interviewing the subject.

The Bureau and San Francisco have been advised of the relationship between the subject and CG 5824-S and San Francisco has been requested to postpone any contact of the subject until after CG 5824-S has been contacted.

It is requested that CG 5824-S be contacted for a biographical sketch of the subject and for any information he has of her current activity, and any post activity in the Chicago area.

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Re Chicago letter dated February 5, 1953 captioned CG 5824-S and particularly to the reference contained therein to a transmittal of a letter by CG 5824-S to WILLIAM WFINR.

On February 6, 1953, the informant exhibited a reply to the referenced letter received by the informant through courier from WILLIAM WFINR, which in part states as follows:

"Your letter of December 25 reached me on the evening of January 25. It's a pity I didn't get it two days earlier. It would have made it possible for me to raise some of the questions you asked more positively and concretely.

"It is difficult to reach certain old friends during these times. Recently I had the luck of reminiscing with old friends about people and about you. I imagine that it is just as hard for me to get around as it is for you. That's possibly why you haven't seen anyone in recent weeks - however, I think this matter can be corrected very speedily, perhaps not in a matter of a couple of days but certainly in a couple of weeks.

"I read with interest your comments about the resolution. In the main, I think you are right since the resolution covers broad issues and far-reaching problems. But even your brief comments come pretty close to the thinking of the authors of the draft. It's a pity that at the moment it

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cc: 1 - Bureau (61-7665) (REGISTERED)
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is not possible for you to take part in the collective give and take. It would be beneficial for all concerned. Perhaps the isolation can come to an end soon and a more satisfactory relationship established. I shall do what I can to bring this about but bear in mind that things are horribly difficult and 'slow motion is the prevailing rate of speed.'

"I have had rough sailing lately and expect worse soon. The dogs (government) are yapping at my feet and there's no telling when they will sink their teeth. - - - - -"

"Thanks for the info re the doctor. (Dr. HERSHFL MEYER of the Jefferson School.) It was not too late - as a matter of fact it will be useful - very useful in making the decisions on this inquiry.

"If you want to write a letter to the old man, (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER), write a letter to me and I will see that he gets it. (Informant said that this means to send the letter in the manner previously agreed to with WEINER through NY 694-S, WEINER's son-in-law, HELLER, and thence to WEINER himself.)

"I am still hoping to be able to make that trip."
(A contemplated trip by WEINER to Chicago.)

The informant advised on February 6, 1953 that he considers this letter to be the most positive and promising development in his reactivation efforts that has occurred to date. He explained his remark by stating that when one deals with WEINER, he is in fact dealing with one who is as close to FOSTER as you can get, and the informant pointed to the contents of the letter indicating that WEINER is dealing directly with top national Communist Party leadership in the informant's behalf.

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The informant explaining certain remarks in the above letter, referred to WEINER's remark expressing regret that he, WEINER, did not receive the informant's note "two days earlier." The informant interprets this remark to mean that on January 23, 1953, WEINER met with top cadre personnel nationally and could have taken up concretely and positively the informant's complaints and possible assignment had the note arrived two days earlier.

The reference by WEINER to "reminiscing with old friends" is interpreted to mean that WEINER recently met with influential persons in leadership and that some discussion was held concerning the informant.

WEINER's reference to the possibility that the informant may not have seen "anyone lately" because he, like WEINER, cannot get around, is interpreted by the informant to mean that had the informant not been known to be ill, arrangements would have been made for the informant to travel to see leadership personnel outside Chicago, and that because of this leadership's inability to come to Chicago, the informant has not been contacted recently.

The reference to a speedy correction of "this matter within a couple of weeks" is interpreted to mean that the informant will be contacted within that period by a person of authority in the national leadership, possibly either an open or an underground leader within the next couple of weeks, at which time the informant's complaint of "isolation" can be discussed and possibly corrected.

The resolution reference is to the National Committee, Communist Party, USA resolution concerning the results of the national elections in this country which appeared in the "Daily Worker" of December 28, 1952, and which sets forth a criticism of the Party program during the past four years as well as certain steps concerning the new Party program.

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WFINER's regret concerning the informant's inability to take part in the "collective give and take" refers to the present discussions being held in the Communist Party leadership of "criticism and self-criticism" concerning the errors of the Party during the past four years and the chartering of a new Communist Party line for the Communist Party, USA.

WFINER's promise to do what he can to bring about a "more satisfactory relationship" between the informant and the national office is followed by the caution that "slow motion is the prevailing rate of speed." This is interpreted by the informant to mean that WFINER is using his influence with the national leadership but that the informant must be patient due to the disruption of the Party leadership which makes cadre assignments slow in processing.

The reference to "rough sailing" and WFINER's expectation that it will become "worse soon" refers to WFINER's present difficulty with Immigration and Naturalization and possibly to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and to his anticipation of possible future arrests or indictments.

With reference to the manner in which the informant should send mail to FOSTER, the informant advised that in November, 1952 while in New York he made these arrangements with WFINER and WFINER's remark concerning submission of subsequent letters to FOSTER is merely reassuring the informant that he, WFINER, is still in a position to get mail to FOSTER.

The "trip" mentioned by WFINER refers to WFINER's previously expressed intention made to the informant that he was coming to Chicago and if it was possible for him to make the trip, he would see the informant. The contingency on which this trip is contemplated is that WFINER will be allowed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to travel outside the jurisdiction to which he is confined.

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The informant advised on February 6, 1953 that he cannot emphasize strongly enough the importance of the role that WILLIAM WEINER is playing in the informant's direct dealings with the national office of the Communist Party and with FOSTER himself. The informant pointed out that WEINER is his only direct link to FOSTER at the present time and additionally pointed out that if this link is lost, the informant's entire reactivation efforts of the past eight months might be seriously affected or even destroyed.

The informant also pointed out the above because WEINER, in his letter, indicated that he was presently in serious difficulty with the Government and he implied that he might be incarcerated in the near future. The informant added that WEINER now in fact is assisting the Bureau, although unconsciously doing so, and that, therefore, any change of his present probation status might seriously jeopardize the critical negotiation now in progress between the informant and the national Communist Party office.

The informant pointed also to WEINER's statement concerning the National Committee resolution, above described, and to the fact that he, WEINER, indicated he knew the authors of the resolution as indicative of the vast knowledge that WEINER has of the present inner organization of the Party and as a further indication of his present value if he is kept in a position where he might be used by the informant.

The informant also referred to the plans of WEINER to making a trip to Chicago and to the possibilities that were offered if WEINER made such a trip and if he, WEINER, confided in the informant.

The above is pointed out for the reasons indicated and further because New York by air-tel dated January 16, 1953, advised that WEINER is presently under supervised parole as per the decision

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of the Immigration and Naturalization Board ruling of December 14, 1951. The referenced New York air-tel also stated that on December 8, 1952, WEINER was questioned by the Immigration and Naturalization Service concerning Communist Party activities and associates which were forbidden to him under the conditions of his parole, and at that time, WEINER refused to answer questions.

New York additionally advised that that office had recently submitted a prosecutive report on WEINER's activities as requested by the Department of Justice for the purpose of ascertaining any possible parole violations on the part of this individual.

It therefore appears that the Department of Justice may have intentions of prosecuting WEINER or jailing him in the near future in which case the present critical negotiations between the informant and the national Communist Party Office may be affected.

The informant has pointed out that he is calling the attention of the Bureau to the above facts and to the importance of WEINER in connection with the informant's reactivation, not because he, the informant, does not believe that WEINER is dangerous and should be jailed, but rather because at this point, in the informant's reactivation efforts, WEINER is the focal point.

The informant believes that if WEINER is allowed to operate for an additional few months or is even permitted to travel, in the long run it will be to the informant's advantage and to the advantage of the Bureau in particular.

This matter is being presented in detail to the Bureau because of the importance this office attaches to the potential value of CG 5824 in connection with his services to the Bureau at a national level.

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It is suggested that the Bureau might consider the advisability of weighing the possible advantages that might result to the Bureau both from the standpoint of the reactivation of this informant and also from the standpoint of information the informant might obtain from WEINER as against the advantage or disadvantage of a present prosecution or jailing of WEINER, in which case an important link between the informant and the national Communist Party office would be broken.

The informant stated that he believed that if WEINER is kept in a position where he can assist the informant for a possible period of two to three months, and even possibly travel to Chicago, the informant will be in a good position to obtain valuable information and also to reactivate.

This matter is being presented to the Bureau for consideration and for any action it may deem advisable.

✓ The informant, on the same date, stressed the necessity of close liaison with New York and particularly with NY 694-S. He pointed out that his letter to WEINER had been in the custody of NY 694-S for at least a week due to the illness of NY 694-S of which the informant was not aware.

The informant pointed to WEINER's reference to the fact that if he had received the note two days earlier, he might have secured quicker action. The informant therefore suggested the possibility that the Chicago Office might be advised by New York when NY 694-S is out of the city or ill so that the informant would be in a position to know whether he could transmit correspondence through NY 694-S at any given time or whether this correspondence should be submitted by other means if the New York informant is not available.

New York is therefore requested to instruct NY 694-S to advise that office when he departs from New York City or when he is unable to deliver messages for CG 5824-S for a period in excess of three days.

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New York is additionally requested to keep Chicago advised of any contemplated action against such persons as WEINER, LUNA and MARCEL SCHERER, and WILLIAM LAWRENCE in order that the informant can be advised as to whether or not he can be in contact with them through correspondence on certain matters which he discusses with them by mail.

On the same date, CG 5824-S again raised the question as to when a solution might be expected in reference to the submission of his personal income tax return, the return of his wife, and the return of NY 694-S. The informant advised on that date that NY 694-S has indicated by recent letter that he is also greatly concerned and requested that the Bureau seek a solution in the immediate future.

Since the informant ties the tax matter closely to his personal security, he is becoming increasingly worried about the possibility of the Bureau's working out a satisfactory solution and the informant has said that if a solution is not offered, he will have to reconsider his entire position with regard to his relation with the Bureau.

Since there are now definite indications that a national office Communist Party assignment may be forthcoming in the near future and also since the income tax deadline is approaching and the informant attaches great significance to the solution of the problem, the Bureau is respectfully requested to expedite its suggestions in this matter.

Director, FBI ⁶¹ (#100-7665)

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JR SAC, Chicago (#134-46)

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Re Chicago letter to the Bureau, cc New York, captioned as above, concerning the submission of income tax returns by CG-5824-S, [] and NY-694-S.

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It is to be noted that this letter was submitted undated and the date of the letter should be inserted as February 13, 1953.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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for
To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. FEBRUARY 18, 1953

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

RE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO UNDATED LET RECEIVED
ON FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN, LAST, AND CHICAGO LET OF FEBRUARY SIXTEEN, LAST.
AS YOU HAVE BEEN ADVISED, THE BUREAU IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP A PLAN
WHEREBY THE INFORMANT WILL BE ABLE TO FILE AN INCOME TAX RETURN UNDER
A FICTITIOUS NAME AND ADDRESS. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN STUDYING THE LAW
ON THIS SUBJECT AND CONSULTING WITH INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU. YOU
MAY ASSURE INFORMANT THAT WE WILL HAVE A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM IN
SUFFICIENT TIME FOR A RETURN TO BE FILED, AND IN THE MEANTIME YOU SHOULD
BE CERTAIN INFORMANT IS PREPARED TO FILE AND PAY ANY NECESSARY TAX. IF
AT ALL POSSIBLE, INFORMANT'S BROTHER SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS
SITUATION AS IT WOULD ONLY FURTHER COMPLICATE THE FILING OF A RETURN BY
CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. AS SOON AS A DEFINITE PLAN HAS BEEN DETERMINED
WHICH CAN BE FOLLOWED BY THE INFORMANT, YOU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED.

2 CC: SAC, NEW YORK (134- NY-694-S)

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☐ Mr. Dennis
☐ Mrs. Dolan
☐ Miss Dunkel
☐ Mr. Frankfurt
☐ Mr. Langille
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CONCERNING INCOME TAX RETURNS OF CG-5824-S, [REDACTED] AND NY-694-S. THIS
SITUATION TELEPHONICALLY DISCUSSED WITH NY-694-S ON 2/17/53. NY-694-S
TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED 2/18/53 THAT HE WOULD NOT CLAIM CG-5824-S AS A
DEPENDENT. SEE NO OBJECTION [REDACTED] FOR CG-5824-S AND
[REDACTED] NY-694-S STATED ALTHOUGH HE WOULD TAKE A LOSS FINANCIALLY BY
FOLLOWING THIS PROCEDURE HE HAS NO OBJECTION BECAUSE SECURITY FACTOR IS
PROVIDED FOR ADEQUATELY. ALSO STATED HE HAS DISCUSSED TAX SITUATION WITH
HIS ACCOUNTANT AND IS SATISFIED THERE WILL BE NO QUESTION OF HIS ACTION EITHER
BY [REDACTED] THE ACCOUNTANT OR ANY ASSOCIATES. NY-694-S HAS DIRECTED HIS
ACCOUNTANT TO PREPARE HIS TAX RETURNS, BOTH PERSONAL AND BUSINESS. AS
INDICATED ABOVE, NY-694-S WILL MAKE NO DISCLOSURE IN HIS RETURNS OF ANY
FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUPPORT OR ASSISTANCE OF ANY RELATIVES IN CHICAGO.

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Re Chicago Progressive Letter February 5, 1953 captioned as above setting forth the progress of the captioned informant in connection with his reactivation efforts in the Communist Party during the period January 15 through 31 last, and Chicago letter February 16, 1953 concerning the contents of a letter received by the informant through courier from WILLIAM WEINER on February 6, 1953.

During the past two weeks, that is on February 6, 1953, the informant received a letter through his courier, SALLY MILLER, from WILLIAM WEINER of New York City which is believed to be the most significant occurrence in connection with the informant's reactivation since his efforts began approximately eight months ago. The contents of this letter were set out in detail in referenced Chicago letter of February 16, 1953.

Since WEINER indicated that a contact would be made within a two week period (the letter was written on January 25, 1953) at which time problems and complaints would be worked out, it was at that time believed that definite positive results would be forthcoming in the near future. It will be recalled, however, that the above statement was also followed by a warning from WEINER that "slow motion is the prevailing rate of speed" together with WEINER's pledge that he would do what he could to bring about a more satisfactory relationship between the National Office and the informant. To date there has been no follow-up contact as expected as a result of the above letter. On February 6, 1953 the matter was discussed in detail with the informant who was of the opinion that the letter marked the most significant development in his reactivation efforts to date.

On that occasion it was also agreed that security must be tightened up until at least the date of the contact to the point where meetings with the agent should only be had at intervals of not more than once a week or when necessity required, and security was insured. This precaution was taken because it was felt that a security check of the informant might be made before he was contacted by an official of the Communist Party. It was recognized at that time, particularly because of WEINER's warning, that the Party is now moving slowly and also because of the informant's knowledge of this fact, that the contact might not be made for a longer period than two weeks. However,

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in view of the high level at which attempts are being made to place the informant, it was believed that this procedure was the only safe one to adopt. It was arranged for informant to contact the agent from the outside by telephone and for the agent to contact the informant directly or indirectly through his wife on a day to day basis and this procedure has been followed and will be continued indefinitely until a contact is made and it is determined exactly what the National Office has in mind for the informant.

There have been no contacts with the informant by LEON KATZEN, Financial Secretary of District No. 8, now underground, or by DAVID ENGLESTEIN in the past two weeks. ENGLESTEIN, as previously reported, is again underground. KATZEN, through the information supplied by the informant and though outside investigation, has been located in Chicago. The informant has advised that since he is now dealing directly with the National Office, he, the informant, does not feel that he should ask to see KATZEN and for the present at least should let KATZEN take the initiative in any contact.

From February 9 through 11 last STANLEY LEVISON, an associate of WILLIAM WEINER of New York, was in Chicago and was in contact with HARRY MILLER, according to a Confidential Source, CG-5824-S learned from MILLER on February 6 last that he, MILLER, was raising money to buy a tannery at Saginaw, Michigan and it is possible that LEVISON, who is also a finance man for the Communist Party, was in Chicago to make some financial arrangements with MILLER. No contact was had by LEVISON with the informant and the informant advised on February 12, 1953 that he attached no significance to the lack of contact since LEVISON was in Chicago possibly for different reasons and the informant added that he did not believe that LEVISON was the person WEINER had in mind to conduct discussions with him.

Another matter that may bear on the identity of the person who may contact the informant centers around information furnished on February 12, 1953 by [] to the effect that this informant had been contacted on the date prior by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District No. 8 Organizer, now underground, to arrange for housing of a person who was "leaving the country" who was expected to be kept in Chicago for two weeks to a month. Arrangements were tentatively made to house this unidentified person at the residence of [] beginning on the night of February 11, 1953 but on February 13, 1953 LIGHTFOOT sent word to this informant that plans had been changed concerning the date of arrival of this person.

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It is possible that if these plans still call for the unidentified person to be brought to Chicago, that the transfer will involve key people in the underground and that such persons who are assisting in the transfer of this unidentified person may be instructed by the Party to contact the informant while in Chicago. There is no indication of such a possibility at this time but nevertheless the possibility exists.

The only other matter of possible significance bearing on the friendliness of the Party toward the informant is [redacted] to [redacted] by HARRY MILLER of [redacted] wherein the source has agreed to [redacted] to the Party. It is noted that HARRY MILLER continued to be in regular contact with LEON KATZEN, above referred to, and it is felt that if the Party was unfriendly to the informant that such referrals would certainly not be made. b7D

In view of the agreement with the informant that from a security standpoint the present situation was such that he must wait for the contact described by WEINER before taking any additional positive reactivation steps, this office is continuing to regularly pay the informant in the amount authorized by the Bureau and will continue to do so unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau and unless there are definite indications to the effect that the informant has no future potential either as a national functionary or as a functionary at the district level. It is felt that this office must continue payments to the informant during this waiting period for the additional reason that it has been agreed that all necessary ground work has been laid by him and that additional contacts at this time might endanger security and bring on the suspicion of the Party concerning him. Since the informant is, therefore, acting upon instructions in not making additional contacts and instead is awaiting developments and contacts by already established individuals, it is not felt that payments should be reduced at the present time.

It is felt that the informant's efforts are being slowed down due to the disruption in the National Office of the Communist Party due to the trial which has just been concluded and because the Party is operating underground. The informant continues to be optimistic concerning his potential, especially in view of the WEINER letter and he feels that the Bureau's patience will be rewarded in due time. On the local level the informant advised on February 12, 1953 that he feels that he can, in the near future, request a contact with LEON KATZEN and said if the contact is arranged he will, if the opportunity arises, ask to see CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District Organizer, now underground. The potential of a contact insofar as LIGHTFOOT is concerned is apparent in view of the recently received information that LIGHTFOOT is arranging to house an unidentified individual who is leaving the country in the near future.

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The informant continues his regular correspondence with individuals in New York including MARCEL and LENA SCHERER and WILLIAM LAWRENCE. In that connection the only significant item of interest developed from these sources in the past two weeks is to the effect that no one knows who the new national leaders will be while the recently convicted leadership is in jail.

On February 15, 1953 the informant dispatched a letter to WILLIAM WEINER to be delivered in the pre-arranged manner through NY-694-S wherein he replied to the WEINER letter of February 6, 1953. In this letter, which was exhibited to the interviewing agent, the informant mentioned that he did not feel he, at this time, should write to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER concerning his impressions on the recently passed National Committee Resolution of December 28, 1952 due to the fact that the only suggestions he could make, because of his "isolation" would be theoretical in content and, therefore, he is unable to offer many suggestions of a practical nature. The balance of this letter was personal relating to the informant's feelings concerning a possible arrest of WEINER, the informant's state of health, and regards to the WEINER family.

In connection with the writing of the February 15, 1953 letter, the informant advised that he did not feel that it was an opportune time to go beyond the contents of his letter since to date he has not been contacted by the individual referred to in WEINER's letter of February 6 and, therefore, the informant stated he did not believe that he should raise additional concrete matters. The informant used the word "isolation" to indicate to WEINER his continued dissatisfaction with arrangements and contact with the National Office of the Party.

The informant is receiving continued close supervision and the Bureau will be advised of all developments.

2-20-53

Memo SAC

C. N. Freyman

Re: Mary PERMAN was
SM-C 100-26670

Re Memo 2-12-53 requesting contact with CG 5824-S

Informant orally advised 2-17-53 that the captioned subject is the former wife of NY 694-S who could furnish a more complete biography.

Informant has not seen her for a number of years. In the early 1940's she was out of the CP but informant has not been in a position to learn of any recent activities. He does not know either of her recent husbands.

Subject came to this country with her mother and ~~brothers~~ and sisters. Her father had died in Russia. The family lived in Chicago and the following were members of the immediate family:

HELEN KAPLAN, (Mrs Morris Childs), Miami Fla.
SARAH KAPLAN, (Mrs. PAUL MARGEN), presently residing
in the San Francisco Area

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[redacted] OF NY and a teacher in a Hebrew School in NY.

Subject lived with Helen Kaplan and Morris Childs in the 1920's until she went to NY in the late 1920's. She acted as a cover for NY 694-S when he was sent by the CP to Russia for technical training in the early 1930's but did not attend the Lenin School while there.

CG 5824-S Later subject and NY 694-S split up and subject has always been very angry about it. She continues to be friendly however to NY ~~694-S~~. Informant last saw her about 1946 in NY and at that time she said she was out of the movement.

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Informant feels that any contact with this individual at this time might disclose facts which might jeopardize the security of informants. He advised that he would speak to Helen Kaplan about the present CP Status of subject and was of the opinion that by working through Helen Kaplan it might be possible to arrange a contact with subject in the future.

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March 4, 1953

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SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

CG-5824-S

Re Chicago Progress let February 20 last captioned above and Chicago let February 16, 1953, concerning the contents of a letter received by informant from WILLIAM WEINER on February 6, 1953.

During the period February 16 through February 28, 1953, there were no significant contacts made with informant with respect to his progress in reactivation. Informant has not been contacted by the individual mentioned in WILLIAM WEINER's letter of January 25, 1953, nor has he received correspondence explaining the delay. In that connection informant advised on February 19, 1953, that he was in receipt of a letter on that date from NY-694-S that he had delivered informant's reply letter to HELLER, son-in-law of WILLIAM WEINER.

On February 19 last [] had luncheon with IRWIN STEIN, co-owner of "The Sentinel" for whom she had []
The source delivered [] and received the money for it with STEIN [] In that respect it will be recalled that LEON KATZEN, Communist Party Financial Secretary, now underground, had previously secured agreement with the source that []
[] would be given to the Communist Party. STEIN additionally discussed certain editorial policy difficulties his paper was having in the Jewish Community, particularly in reference to the fact that the paper has not to date taken an editorial stand on anti-semitism. b7D

On February 26 last the whole problem of reactivation was again discussed with informant with particular reference to what, if anything, could additionally be done to hasten reactivation. Informant advised that, in his opinion, progress has been made and that results will be dependent in patient waiting in accordance with the statements made in the WEINER letter of January 25 last.

Informant said that he is willing to take any additional steps that are suggested by the Bureau which might hasten reactivation but that he is of the opinion that what he has in mind insofar as position in the Communist Party is concerned "just cannot be done faster."

It was decided, however, that informant could safely ask his contact, HARRY MILLER, to see LEON KATZEN presently underground and that by

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so doing some conclusions might be reached as to Party attitude toward informant and, in addition, valuable ~~current~~ information might be obtained. Informant, however, advised that he had been in regular contact with HARRY MILLER through [redacted] and that MILLER as of February 25, was ill with a bad case of flu. Therefore, the contact with KATZEN must be made after MILLER returns to work.

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On the same date informant advised that MILLER had [redacted] to [redacted] thus further indicating that informant is still well regarded by MILLER.

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On the same date informant exhibited a small gift received during that week from MARTIN YOUNG, a leading Communist in New York, further indicating that at least among certain Communist personnel in New York the informant is still well regarded.

Informant also advised that he had two contacts during the week, one being with CHARLES MITCHELL, leading Trade Union Communist, and the other being with JACK JALLINGS, an expelled Communist, formerly organizer of the Party. Both of these individuals were friendly, and MITCHELL asked to see informant again in the near future to discuss Party Trade Union policies with him. Informant, however, advised that he attaches little or no significance to these contacts insofar as reactivation is concerned since MITCHELL is not in leadership and JALLINGS is expelled.

Contemplated Future Plans

It has been agreed that informant will continue to await the contact referred to in the WEINER letter of January 25 last since this is his connection with the National Office of the Communist Party.

Informant has drafted a birthday greeting note to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and will send it through regular channels previously arranged, and it is hoped that some tangible results will be obtained.

Informant was in telephone contact with HARRY MILLER on March 1, 1953, who advised informant he would again be in his office barring complications on or about March 2, 1953. Informant will immediately after MILLER returns to his office, make contact through [redacted] with MILLER and arrange to meet KATZEN as soon as possible. When this meeting is effected, informant will ask to see CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, D. O. now underground.

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It is still believed that the informant has good potential for reactivation at a high level but it is felt that due to the lack of

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speed in making assignments by the National Office, results may be several months in the future. The informant has continued to have a co-operative attitude and is willing to go along with any suggestions that might hasten reactivation. He has frequently stated that he can have broader contacts with rank and file if the Bureau so desires and feels it might help reactivation. However, he personally feels that he might be criticized by the National Office and further that he does not feel it would hasten reactivation. For the time being, at least, he has been instructed not to encourage rank and file contacts until the individual described in the WEINER letter talks to him.

With regard to the tax matter, NY-694-S has agreed not to claim CG-5824-S as a dependent and the Chicago informant has instructed NY-694-S to file his return without claiming CG-5824-S as a dependent.

In conformance with Butel of February 18, 1953, Chicago will await the Bureau solution for the filing of Income Tax returns for informant and his wife.

The Bureau will be advised of developments.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. MARCH 5, 1953

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO

CG-5824-S. RE PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING INCOME TAX
PROBLEM OF INFORMANT. OPINION RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT THAT
INFORMANT MAY FILE RETURN UNDER DESIGNATED ALIAS AND LIST AS
ADDRESS THE DESIGNATED ADDRESS OF AN FBI SPECIAL AGENT IN
WASHINGTON AREA. OPINION BASED ON FACT THAT INFORMANT HAS BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO MAKE AN ACCURATE RETURN AND GOVERNMENT WILL LOSE
NO REVENUE UNDER THIS SYSTEM. SELECT ALIAS FOR INFORMANT AND
HE SHOULD USE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MARYLAND." RETURN SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF
INTERNAL REVENUE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. BUREAU INCOME SHOULD BE
DESIGNATED AS "OTHER INCOME" AND SET FORTH UNDER ITEM THREE ON
PAGE ONE OF FORM 1040 AND EXPLAINED IN SCHEDULE G ON PAGE TWO
AS INCOME RECEIVED FOR SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH A PRIVATE
ENTERPRISE. DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED SINCE INFORMANTS ARE NOT
ENGAGED IN A TRADE OR BUSINESS ON BEHALF OF BUREAU THEY MAY
DISPENSE WITH FILING OF SCHEDULE C. SO ADVISE INFORMANT AND
IF HE DOES NOT DESIRE TO FILE A SCHEDULE C, SUCH MAY BE OMITTED.
FURNISH COPY OF RETURN TO BUREAU FOR RECORD PURPOSES AND TO
MAINTAIN SECURITY, INFORMANT'S WIFE SHOULD CONTINUE TO REPORT
HER PRIVATE INCOME UNDER MAIDEN NAME. FOR YOUR INFORMATION,
IF ANY QUESTION ARISES CONCERNING FILING OF INFORMANT'S RETURN,
IT WILL BE HANDLED AT SEAT OF GOVERNMENT. INFORMANT SHOULD BE
IMPRESSED WITH FACT THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IS BEING DONE TO
MAINTAIN SECURITY OF THIS OPERATION AND YOU SHOULD ASSIST HIM
IN COMPLETING HIS RETURN TO BE CERTAIN IT IS ACCURATE.

SENT VIA _____ M Per _____ HOOVER

134-46-68

SAC, New York

March 10, 1953

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SAC, Chicago (134-46)

CG-5824-S

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Re Chicago letter to the Director and New York, 1/27/53, captioned as above, and particularly to page 3, paragraph 3, concerning PEGGY and EUGENE DENNIS.

CG-5824-S advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN on March 3, 1953 that in connection with reactivation efforts he is anxious to make contact with PEGGY and EUGENE DENNIS.

New York therefore is requested to advise as expeditiously as possible her current address and whether or not she receives mail at that address. If New York has knowledge of her present close friends who are in the CP leadership and with whom CG-5824-S is acquainted, New York is also requested to furnish these names and addresses so that the possibility of getting a message to PEGGY DENNIS through one of them may be explored.

Any other suggestions for getting mail to PEGGY DENNIS would be appreciated.

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-26670)

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Rerep of SA THOMAS H. SULLIVAN dated January 29, 1953 at San Francisco, California, and Chicago letter to Bureau dated February 10, 1953.

CG-5824-S was contacted by SA CARL N. FREYMAN on February 17, 1953 and at that time he orally advised that the captioned subject is the former wife of NY 694-S who could furnish a more complete biography of the subject.

Informant advised that he has not seen subject for a number of years. In the early 1940s she was out of the CP but informant has not been in a position to learn of any recent activities. He does not know either of her recent husbands.

Informant advised that the subject came to this country with her mother and sisters. Her father had died in Russia. The family lived in Chicago and the following were members of the immediate family:

HELEN KAPLAN, (Mrs. Morris Childs), Miami, Florida.
SARAH KAPLAN, (Mrs. Paul Margen), presently residing in the San Francisco, California area.

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[redacted] ([redacted]
of New York and a teacher in a Hebrew school in New York).

Subject lived with HELEN KAPLAN and MORRIS CHILDS in the 1920s until she went to New York in the last 1920s. She acted as a cover for NY 694-S when he was sent by the CP to Russia for technical training in the early 1930s but she did not attend the Lenin School while there.

Subject and NY 694-S later split up and subject has always been very angry about it. She continues to be friendly, however, to CG 5824-S. Informant last saw her about 1946 in New York and at that time she said she was out of the Communist movement.

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CC: 2 - San Francisco (Registered) (100-22822)
2 - New York (134-) NY 694-S
(Registered)
1 - CG 134-46 (CG 5824-S) ✓

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DIRECTOR, FBI

Subject's [] HELEN and [] are both out of the CP at the present time, according to the informant. SARAH and her husband were never in the CP and are anti-Communist.

CG 5824-S feels that any contact with the subject at this time might disclose facts which might jeopardize the security of informants. He advised that he would speak to HELEN KAPLAN about the present CP status of subject and was of the opinion that by working through HELEN KAPLAN it might be possible to arrange a contact with the subject in the future.

It is noted that due to the close relationship of this subject to CG 5824-S and NY 694-S and the fact that probably only a few people are aware of the facts CG 5824-S has furnished concerning her, any contact of the subject creates a serious risk to the security of these informants.

It is suggested that subject not be interviewed at this time since CG 5824-S believes he can gain full information as to the subject's background and activities through HELEN KAPLAN.

It is specifically requested that in any future interview with the subject no mention be made of the subject's trip to Russia since there are very probably only a few people who are aware of this trip and who could have furnished this information to the Bureau.

The Chicago Division will furnish any further information supplied by CG 5824-S.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

March 12, 1953

SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

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CG 5824-S

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Re Buairtel March 5, last, setting forth instructions for the submission of Federal Income Tax returns for 1952 for the captioned informant and [redacted]
[redacted]

There is enclosed herewith copies of income tax returns for the informant [redacted] for completion of Bureau files. As per Bureau instructions informant will file at Baltimore and [redacted] at Chicago. b7D

The informant's [redacted] and will continue to [redacted]. It will be noted that the questions appearing at the bottom of page one in reference [redacted] were not answered in either return for security reasons. Each person filed as a single person and there is the possibility that questions will be asked especially of [redacted]
[redacted] b7D

The informant claimed his mother as a dependent as set out in schedule I. His expenses are in many cases estimates due to the fact that he purchases literature for cash in most instances and phone calls are generally made from a public phone booth. The figures, however, are believed accurate on a basis of spot checks in expenses conducted during the year. In those cases where expenses were incurred but where it was necessary to estimate them, the figures arrived at were considered in the light of conservatism rather than liberalism.

The only possible occurrence that appears might cause Internal Revenue in Chicago to make inquiries of [redacted] is the fact that she has filed [redacted]. It is possible that the [redacted] might come to the attention of Internal Revenue thus causing an investigation. b7D

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Re: CG 5824-S

It is entirely possible that Internal Revenue will verify [redacted] capital gains loss as set out in Schedule D. If that occurs it is believed she has sufficient documentary proof to satisfy Internal Revenue and that such inquiry would not necessarily disclose [redacted]

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Both the informant [redacted] have been instructed if inquiries are made not to disclose the relationship of the Bureau and the informant and to immediately contact this office.

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If the Bureau has further instructions or suggestions on this matter, please advise. *It will be noted that informant*

gives this letter under the name of [redacted]

SAC

3-13-53

C. N. Freyman

SUE KLING(100-16859)

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On 3-13-53 [redacted] orally advised SA JOHN KEATING and the writer that in conversation with the subject on that date she had learned that she has not seen Jack KLING since last fall though she has been told he is "all right." Subject still remains ideologically a rabid Communist though she admits she does not agree entirely with the entire program. Subject recently wrote a book on a Social Problem subject which was recently rejected by New Century Publishers and she feels so badly she may take a trip to NY about the time of the Jewish holiday on March 30 next to personally see the publisher. (The possibility exists that she may have told the source this to explain an absence from Chicago.) If she goes to NY she will probably stay at Jack Klings parents home. Statefully paraphrase this info as no other person was present.

CC JACK KLING

A [redacted]

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TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

DATE: March 13, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (61-7665)

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SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

Re Chicago let March 4, 1953, setting forth the status of this informant, who is attempting to utilize his contacts in the Communist Party in such a manner that he will receive an assignment in the Party on a high level.

Informant is utilizing for this purpose William Weiner and there are strong indications that Weiner may be able in the near future to be of some assistance to the informant. Weiner is presently the subject of investigation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, as the New York Division is aware, and in view of the fact that Weiner may be under physical surveillance or other close scrutiny, both offices should be most circumspect in the transmission of any messages between informant and Weiner to prevent disclosure of our informant.

2 cc: New York

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Chicago, Illinois
March 18, 1953

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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. ON MARCH THIRTEEN
LAST CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S DISPATCHED AIRMAIL
LETTER TO NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S CONTAINING NOTE
FOR DELIVERY TO WILLIAM WEINER. NY SUAIRTEL WHETHER
LETTER WAS RECEIVED AND WHEN IT WAS DELIVERED BY NY
SIX NINE FOUR DASH S TO HELLER, SON IN LAW OF WEINER.
NY ALSO SUAIRTEL INFO REPEGGY DENNIS REQUESTED IN
CHICAGO LETTER OF MARCH TEN LAST, SINCE INFORMANT
ADVISES THAT DENNIS IS IN HOSPITAL AT ATLANTA AND
HIS WIFE VISITS HIM.

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cc - NY File 134- (NY 694-S)

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AIR-TEL
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, 3/20/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: CHICAGO.

CG 5824-S. REURAIRTEL 3/18/53. NY 694-S ADVISED TODAY HE
DELIVERED LETTER FOR WEINER TO HELLER ON 3/18/53. PEGGY
DENNIS RESIDES AT 226 E. TWELFTH ST., NYC. HER CASE IS CLOSED
IN NY. NO CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING HER PRESENT
CLOSE FRIENDS OR HER RECEIPT OF MAIL. NY 694-S SUGGESTS THAT
LETTER FOR HER BE SENT TO HIM FOR DELIVERY. WOULD AFFORD HIM
AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONTACT PEGGY DENNIS.

BOARDMAN

② - CHICAGO (134-46) (REGULAR)
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NY 66-6989

Approved: L. V. B. [signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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- ☐ Miss Dunkel
- ☐ Mr. Frankfurt
- ☐ Mr. Langille
- ☐ Mr. McMahon
- ☐ Mr. Murphy
- ☐ Miss Ryan
- ☐ Mr. Schneider
- ☐ Miss Gray
- ☐ Miss Woodruff
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- ☐ Supply Clerk

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 3-12-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: Cg-5824-S (134-46)

This will advise that on 3-10-53 SA John E. KEATING met the informant and is familiar with the method of contacting him and where and how he can be met. This was done for the purpose of making him an alternate contact agent in the event SA R. J. Wilson receives other assignment.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: March 23, 1953

On 3/23/53 Inspector C. DeLOACH orally advised the writer that he had been in contact with Supervisor JOSEPH DONAHUE at the Bureau on March 20, last, and advised Supervisor DONAHUE that SA C. N. FREYMAN had been unable to prepare a bi-weekly progress letter concerning the captioned informant's reactivation and that this letter would be prepared as soon as SAFREYMAN is again returned to general assignment.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

March 27, 1953

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CG 5824-S

Re Chicago letter March 4, last setting forth the progress summary of informant's reactivation efforts to March 1, last. Reference is also made to the telephone call to the Bureau of Inspector C. D. DE LOACH of March 20 last advising as to the reason for the tardiness of the bi-monthly summary letter reflecting activities of the informant through March 15, last. The following summary covers the period March 1 through March 23, last.

During the past three weeks, the informant has still had no contact with the unidentified individual mentioned in the WILLIAM WEINER letter of January 25, last.

On March 3, last the informant advised that [redacted] on March 2, 1953, while at the Modern Book Store, Communist Party literature outlet in the Chicago area, had talked with SAM HAMMERSMARK, charter member of the party and operator of the book store, who had told her that he, HAMMERSMARK, had planned to see the informant on March 1, last but before he could leave his residence (he resides at the residence of ELMER and IMOGENE JOHNSON, former Communist Party functionaries in Indiana) he had been asked by the JOHNSONS to attend a party at their residence given for KAREN MORLEY, the movie actress who was in Chicago to speak. HAMMERSMARK told the source that he would see the informant in the near future. b7D

On the same date and at the same place, the source met OTTO WANGERIN, charter member of the Communist Party and a close friend of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and presently the Communist Party person assigned to the Civil Rights Congress in Chicago. WANGERIN, who had not seen the source in a number of years, threw his arms around her and asked about the informant. He asked whether he could see the informant and when advised that he could, WANGERIN took the informant's phone number and said he would see the informant in the near future. As of March 23, last WANGERIN had not been in contact with the informant.

On March 3, last IRWIN STEIN, a partner of "The Sentinel" and a contact of LEON KATZEN, Financial Secretary of District 8, Communist Party who has been underground for two years, contacted [redacted] and asked her to solicit the management of her [redacted] for printing business. b7D

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cc - 1 - New York (134- NY 694-S) (Info) (REGISTERED)

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for "The Sentinel." As previously reported, "The Sentinel" was purchased with funds raised by the Communist Party, and it is believed that this effort by STEIN to secure added business is for the purpose of securing additional revenue for the party through profits of "The Sentinel" and through the cooperation of [redacted] and CG 5824-S.

On the same date, the source telephonically contacted HARRY MILLER, presently on a special finance assignment for the National Office of the Communist Party and a close contact of LEON KATZEN previously referred to, and learned that MILLER had almost recovered from his illness and would be in their office on March 3, 1953. MILLER told the source that he did not expect to visit New York in the immediate future.

On the same date, the informant exhibited a letter from LENA SCHERER, prominent Communist in New York, wherein she furnished considerable information concerning the National Communist Party Office personnel and referred to a recently issued Communist Party National Office document on the Negro question. This document, published by the National Education Department of the Communist Party, was later sent to the informant by mail by SCHERER.

On March 6, 1953, the informant advised that a letter from LENA SCHERER stated that her husband, MARCEL SCHERER, also a prominent Communist in New York, had an appointment to meet with GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, a recently convicted New York Smith Act subject, on March 11, 1953. New York was advised of this meeting by teletype.

On March 7, last, the informant spoke with Dr. SOLOMAN PEARLMAN, a Communist Party doctor in New York, concerning the significance of the death of STALIN.

On March 13, last, [redacted] at the informant's request, contacted SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, National Communist Party functionary presently underground, in an effort to determine information concerning the whereabouts of JACK KLING. The contact was a friendly one and SUE KLING told the source that she had not seen her husband since last fall but knew that he was all right.

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On March 14, last, the informant visited CHARLES MITCHELL, prominent trade union Communist in the Chicago area, who was then in the Michael Reese Hospital. On the same occasion, the informant also visited SUE COHEN, former office employee of District 8, Communist Party, and presently a member of the Hyde Park Section of the Communist Party. COHEN, at that time, was also in the same hospital.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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On March 12, 1953, the informant received a letter from MARCEL SCHERER reporting that New York had held a successful meeting for STEVE NELSON. He also informed CG 5824-S on the present party "peace" work in New York area and also mentioned his recently held meeting with GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY and SY GERSON, the latter also a former Smith Act subject. SCHERER told the informant that in connection with the CHARNEY meeting he, SCHERER, still had no definite assignment.

A letter of March 14, 1953 from LENA SCHERER identified HARRY HAYWOOD as a member of the National Negro Commission of the Communist Party and detailed his factional fight with the National Negro Commission on the Negro question. Considerable added discussion was contained in this letter on the recently issued pamphlet of the National Education Department on the Negro question. The letter also detailed information on the party peace work, on VITO MARCANTONIO, and the status of the Progressive Party.

A letter received by the informant from NY 694-S on March 16, 1953 advised that the New York informant had now established a personal contact with LEON and BARNEY JOSEPHSON and also with LENA SCHERER. The New York informant advised that when he delivered the letter of CG 5824-S to the son-in-law of WILLIAM WEINER, one HELLER, earlier in the month, the New York informant got the definite impression that there is no suspicions on the informant's motives since HELLER's attitude was in fact friendly. The New York informant advised CG 5824-S that he cannot fully explain the delays of the National Office in contacting the Chicago informant but attributed it in part to the general disorganization within the national leadership. It was the opinion of NY 694-S that it would be advantageous for CG 5824-S to again visit the New York informant in New York if an adequate cover could be arranged. This matter will be further discussed in a subsequent section of this letter under the caption "Future Plans For Reactivation."

A letter received by the informant on March 19, 1953 from NY 694-S advised that the New York informant had received CG 5824-S' letter sent on March 13, 1953 for delivery to WILLIAM WEINER and had delivered the letter to WEINER's son-in-law on March 18, 1953. NY 694-S advised that the son-in-law of WEINER was friendly and advised the New York informant that WEINER was all right but "pre-occupied with trouble." NY 694-S also told the informant that he, NY 694-S, would be in Chicago on business from April 13, next through April 18, next.

A letter dated March 20, 1953 from LENA SCHERER furnished important information concerning changes in personnel in the "Daily Worker" staff,

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the reopening of the New York District Office of the Communist Party, the party situation in the Fur and Shoe Workers unions and re-registration figures on Negroes in New York State. The above information was furnished the Bureau and New York under a daylet caption.

Prior to March 15, last, in conformance with Bureau instructions, a Federal Income Tax Return was prepared for both the informant and his wife. Copies of this report were forwarded to the Bureau as inclosures with Chicago letter of March 12, 1953.

On March 22, 1953, the informant advised that he had again visited SUE COHEN and CHARLES MITCHELL at the Mount Sinai Hospital and while visiting COHEN had met DIANE VOGEL, a key Communist in the Hyde Park Section. All of these individuals expressed an interest in the informant in that he is now moving around but cautioned him not to become too active for reasons of health.

On March 20, 1953 [] was contacted by HARRY MILLER, previously described, who apologized to the source for not keeping in touch with the informant. MILLER said that he would be out of town on March 23, last but would see the informant in the near future. b7D

FUTURE PLANS FOR REACTIVATION

The informant continues to have an excellent attitude for cooperating with the Bureau but is showing increasing impatience with the progress he has made toward reactivation in the past 3 or 4 months. At the same time, he realizes that to attain the position which has been set forth as a goal in connection with reactivation, it is necessary to proceed cautiously and slowly. The informant has repeatedly stated that he is not worried about the ultimate results of his efforts and feels that he will be successful if patience is had with his efforts.

A lengthy discussion was held with the informant on March 18, 1953 to review his efforts to date and to decide on future efforts. It was decided that in addition to continuing the informant's efforts with established contacts in Chicago, that the following program should additionally be considered and put in action:

The first positive step will be for the informant to draft a letter for EUGENE DENNIS to be delivered to PEGGY DENNIS by NY 694-S. The informant

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knows PEGGY DENNIS trusts him and believes that he can get word to DENNIS that he, the informant, is moving around then DENNIS will order the party to assign the informant. CG 5824-S advised that in his opinion DENNIS is undoubtedly worried at the present time that forces within the party will take advantage of his confinement at Atlanta and that he, DENNIS, may lose his party position before he is released from jail. DENNIS, it is believed, will, if he knows that informant is around, order CG 5824-S into a party position in order to keep DENNIS in control of the party. NY 694-S has previously advised that he can deliver this letter to PEGGY DENNIS and that he welcomes the opportunity to contact her. The informant was instructed to draft such a letter as soon as possible and to submit it to NY 694-S for delivery.

The second proposed step which, it was decided, informant would do, is that the informant will, during the week of March 22, contact OTTO WANGERIN, a close personal friend of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, to instruct WANGERIN that he, the informant, wants to see STEVE NELSON during NELSON's trip to Chicago which is scheduled for April 4, 1953.

The third step which the informant believes should be taken in the immediate future, is for the informant to make a second trip to New York to again contact National Office functionaries provided an adequate cover can be arranged.

In this connection the matter of a cover has been discussed generally by CG 5824-S with NY 694-S through correspondence. The New York informant has advised that his firm now has a Chicago outlet, the National Steel and Copper Company, handling his product exclusively. The firm salesmen are always commuting to and from New York and it may be possible for NY 694-S to arrange for a salesman to take CG 5824-S into New York at a future date.

An alternate plan for cover was suggested by the agent handling CG 5824-S. This plan would be built around a cover that CG 5824-S is being considered for employment by NY 694-S' firm as a contact man or as a trouble-shooter for working in the Midwest in order to provide CG 5824-S with sufficient work to keep his mind off of his physical condition.

CG 5824-S advises that the main difficulty for NY 694-S to follow through with such a plan would lie in selling the partner of NY 694-S on the necessity for such a man in Chicago. In the discussion between CG 5824-S and the agent it was suggested by the agent that the partner's opposition might be overcome if NY 694-S explained to the partner that his brother

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is just recovering from an illness and that because of the illness the New York informant's brother is unable to get full-time outside employment and that while NY 694-S realizes that his firm does not need CG 5824-S full time the New York informant would like CG 5824-S doing something because time is weighing heavily on his hands. The New York informant might tell his partner that he feels he is obligated to provide CG 5824-S with something to do to speed recovery. The New York informant could explain to his partner that he would not expect the firm to place CG 5824-S on its payroll and that if any salary is paid to CG 5824-S he, NY 694-S, will take care of it out of his share of the firm's income. NY 694-S could admit to the partner that there is little need in Chicago for CG 5824-S' services and the main reason for suggesting that CG 5824-S be used by the firm is because NY 694-S desires to help the Chicago informant's physical recovery by providing him with something to do.

If NY 694-S is agreeable to such a plan, CG 5824-S stated that he feels a good cover will have been laid which will provide the Chicago informant a cover not only for this trip but for periodic future trips to New York.

The informant believes that such a trip might greatly help his reactivation efforts and further that he may get valuable information concerning the present party activities.

The informant particularly feels the necessity for personal contact again with WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, WILLIAM WEINER, BETTY GANNETT, WILLIAM LAWRENCE and PEGGY DENNIS. He said he believes he made a mistake in not seeing BETTY GANNETT while he was in New York in November, 1952.

The informant advised that if NY 694-S is willing and feels the above cover is adequate, then both he and the New York informant could begin spreading the word that CG 5824-S is thinking of working for NY 694-S' firm and in that connection he may be coming to New York for a period of approximately 10 days to 2 weeks to familiarize himself with the manufacture of the product, with the use of the product, and for training on the selling of the product. If after 10 days to 2 weeks, the informant decides that he is interested in representing the firm of NY 694-S as a contact man or trouble-shooter, the informants can advise the outside contacts with CG 5824-S and then operate out of Chicago and be used only when his services are needed.

The informant feels that he might spend from 10 days to 2 weeks in New York, a part of which would necessarily be spent at the plant of NY 694-S in order to preserve the cover.

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Such a trip would also indicate to party leaders that the informant is well enough at least to be used by the party to a limited extent and it might cause the party to make an offer of a party assignment to the informant.

The informant advised that he desires New York to thoroughly discuss the plan as outlined in this letter with NY 694-S for suggestions and criticisms as well as for counter suggestions. The informant suggested the possibility that he might go to New York when NY 694-S returns to New York from Chicago on or about April 18, 1953. This would further help the cover since NY 694-S could advise the party people that he intended to talk with CG 5824-S while in Chicago and felt that what the Chicago informant needed most to speed his recovery was something to occupy his mind. The New York informant might also indicate to outside Communists that he was contemplating asking CG 5824-S to return with him to New York to look over the product and learn about it prior to asking him whether or not he would be interested in joining the firm.

Accordingly, the Bureau and New York are requested to consider particularly the plan outlined for the visit of the informant to New York on or about April 18, 1953. If the New York informant feels that the cover is adequate and that CG 5824-S should visit New York, the Bureau is requested to authorize this trip on or about the above date for a period of 10 days to 2 weeks.

Informant would reside at the residence of his brother and some of his meals would also be taken at his brother's residence. The only possibility that the informant would reside and eat elsewhere would be if the party asked the informant to do so.

The round-trip cost for air travel from Chicago to New York is \$98.56. During a 10-day stay in New York in November, 1952 the informant incurred actual expenses in the amount of \$159.50 not including his plane fare. It is believed on this basis that the contemplated 10-day to 2-week trip of the informant could be made for approximately \$175 for actual expenses plus \$98.56 plane fare or a total of \$273.56. The only contingency that might increase this figure would be if the Communist Party asked the informant to live in a hotel. If this contingency occurs, the maximum additional expenses that the informant might incur during a period of 14 days at the rate of \$8 per night for hotel room would be \$112. On this matter, however, it is felt that the informant could advise the party that he has insufficient funds to live in a hotel and by so doing could secure these funds from the party.

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If the New York informant agrees with the outlined plan, Bureau authority is therefore requested to advance the informant the sum of \$273.56 for plane fare and as an advance for actual expenses to be incurred during the period not to exceed a 2 week stay in New York. This amount will be over and above the regular payments being made to informant.

New York is requested to make an expedite contact with NY 694-S and to advise the Bureau and Chicago of the New York informant's reaction to the above New York trip.

The Chicago informant in the meantime will begin to lay the necessary groundwork for a cover for a New York trip as outlined in this letter.

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On March 18, 1953, CG 5824-S advised that he was in receipt of a letter from [redacted] a [redacted] Miami, Florida.

This letter advised that the [redacted] at the [redacted] along with [redacted] of the school had been interviewed by the Army for summer employment at the [redacted] in Maryland. The informant does not know whether [redacted] application will be processed but advised that [redacted] had stated he filled out the following forms:

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1. A standard Civil Service application form pertaining only to the applicant.
2. A personal history questionnaire including a listing of the names of his parents.
3. A form for the FBI pertaining only to the applicant.
4. The applicant was fingerprinted.

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The informant advised that if he had been consulted [redacted] prior to the submission of the application, he, the informant, would have discouraged [redacted] from applying; however, since [redacted] has already applied, the informant said that he wanted to furnish the following information concerning [redacted]

[redacted] was born on [redacted] Wisconsin. His parents are HELEN CHILDS nee KAPLAN and MORRIS CHILDS.

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HELEN CHILDS was affiliated with the Communist Party in the early 1930's but only passively because of the Communist Party affiliation of her husband. She was not regarded by the Communist Party as ever being a good Communist.

Shortly after [redacted] it was determined that [redacted] had [redacted] and HELEN CHILDS insisted that her husband [redacted] to a more

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suitable climate to live. When CG 5824-S refused because of party responsibility in Chicago, HELEN CHILDS took [redacted] then [redacted] to California to live and later they moved to Miami where she [redacted] continue to reside.

HELEN and MORRIS CHILDS have been separated since about 1938 and were divorced in 1952 primarily so that [redacted] could live a normal life without the stigma of his father's former Communist Party activities. [redacted] has lived since the [redacted] with his mother and has never been exposed to any phase of Communist activity or philosophy.

The only times when [redacted] ever saw his father was when the father visited his son at Miami possibly once or twice a year for a few days or weeks or an occasional visit of the son to his father for a few days. The father never attempted to indoctrinate the son and in fact always carefully reviewed the son's books so that the son would not be influenced along Communist lines before he was mature enough to make decisions of his own. The father has never furnished the son with even one piece of Communist literature nor has the father ever spoken to the son in a manner that might influence the son to be sympathetic to the Communist philosophy.

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The father [redacted] first told his son about his activities as a functionary of the Communist Party in 1952 and that was in connection with a trip made by CG 5824-S to Miami to lay the groundwork for his activities with the Bureau. At that time the informant briefly told [redacted] about his past Communist connections and his conclusions as a result of experience in the Communist movement over a long period of years definitely telling his son that Communist philosophy is false. The informant also told his son that whatever the son might hear about any future Communist activities of the party, he should be assured that the father was doing a patriotic duty and was not selling out his country. The informant also told his son to continue to be a good American and to keep his conversation with him absolutely confidential.

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CG 5824-S is extremely proud of his son's patriotism. His son is a member of the ROTC unit at his school and will be in the service on completion of his education. The informant is anxious for his son to live a normal life without having the stigma that might attach to the son because of his father's activities in the party and indicated that he would feel badly if the son was denied Government employment solely because of his father's activities. The informant is anxious for his son's sake to have him have the chance to live and grow up with American objectives without having the son pay for the sins of his father.

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The Bureau and Miami are being advised of the above information in view of the possibility of future liaison inquiries of the Army in connection with the matter.

If the Bureau feels that it can take positive action at a high level on this matter, it is felt that the informant's present high opinion of the Bureau could be further strengthened.

The Bureau is therefore requested to advise the Miami and Chicago Offices as to how it desires this matter handled in the event inquiries are made to Miami for information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Chicago, Illinois
April 3, 1953

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC NEW YORK CODE UNDERLINED
CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. INFORMANT IN CONTACT WITH ¹ HARRY
I. MILLER THIS DATE WHO ADVISED INFORMANT THAT QUOTE ² THEY HAVE
DECIDED TO PUT ^{YOU} ~~INFORMANT~~ TO WORK NATIONALLY, UNQUOTE. HE HAD NO
DETAILS AND INFORMANT FELT IT INADVISABLE TO MAKE INQUIRY RE
SOURCE. ³ MILLER WILL BE IN NY BEGINNING APRIL FOUR NEXT AND
INFORMANT HAS GIVEN HIM LETTER FOR ⁴ WILLIAM WEINER AND ALSO ORAL
MESSAGE FOR ⁵ WEINER INDICATING DISPLEASURE WITH DELAYS. PURPOSE
IS TO SECURE DETAILS RE ⁶ NATURE OF ASSIGNMENT. INFORMANT WILL
POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO EVALUATE ⁷ ASSIGNMENT ON ⁸ MILLER'S RETURN, BUT
WARNED THAT IN VIEW OF PAST EXPERIENCES ADDITIONAL DELAYS WERE
POSSIBLE. ⁹ MILLER TOLD HIM THAT ¹⁰ LEON KATZEN, CP UNDERGROUND,
FUNCTIONARY IN CHICAGO, HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO CONTACT ¹¹ INFORMANT
BY NATIONAL OFFICE. IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE CONTACT OF NY SIX NINE
FOUR DASH S BY ¹² MILLER, INFORMANT REQUESTED THAT NY SIX NINE FOUR
DASH S BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. FOR INFO.

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

DATE: April 1, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (61-7665)

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SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

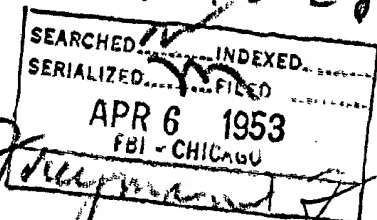
Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning the close association of this informant with William Weiner, who is presently the subject of investigation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

At the present time the Immigration and Naturalization Service is contemplating prosecution of Weiner for violation of his conditional parole, and since Weiner is one of the principal contacts of CG 5824-S, the Bureau has requested INS Headquarters to advise us prior to any positive steps of a prosecutive nature regarding Weiner inasmuch as such steps may jeopardize an important investigation.

The above is for your confidential information only and you will be appropriately informed if the Bureau receives any notification from INS that some definite steps are being taken to prosecute Weiner. ||

Both offices should continue to be most circumspect with regard to the transmission of messages between the informant and Weiner in view of the present investigation of Weiner by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. ||

2 cc: SAC, New York (100-7577 - William Weiner)



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Chicago, Illinois
April 9, 1953

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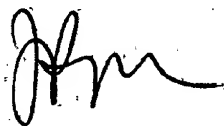
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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. [REDACTED] INS. EXAMINER,
CHICAGO, DURING CASUAL DISCUSSION OF PENDING INS CASES ADVISED
SA CARL N. FREYMAN ~~CONFIDENTIALLY~~ ON NINTH INSTANT THAT INS
CHICAGO IS PREPARING DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST
INFORMANT AND INDICATED PROCEEDINGS WILL BE STARTED IN IMMEDIATE
FUTURE. HE MADE NO SPECIFIC INQUIRY RE INFORMANT'S PARTY STATUS
AND WAS FURNISHED NO INFO CONCERNING INFORMANT'S PRESENT RELATION
WITH BUREAU. BUREAU REQUESTED TO MAKE IMMEDIATE APPROPRIATE
CONTACTS AT INS AND ADVISE THIS OFFICE OF ANY ACTION DESIRED
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NY-694-S. NY-694-S ADVISES HE MUST ATTEND PHOTOGRAPHIC TRADE
SHOW AT HILTON HOTEL, CHICAGO DURING WEEK OF 4/13/53 TO 4/19/53.
WILL LEAVE 3:50 PM SAT. 4/11/53 VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES AND WILL
ARRIVE 6PM SAME DATE (CENTRAL TIME). NY-694-S WILL CONTACT
CG-5824-S UPON ARRIVAL.

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☐ Mr. Frankfurt
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The following Chicago informants have furnished information regarding the subject's activities:



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In the event there is in the future a change in their status re their availability as witnesses, the Bureau and San Francisco should be immediately notified as to their availability to testify in instant case.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 4-1-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

On the above date the writer paid this informant the sum of ~~\$00~~ \$400.00 for services rendered and expenses incurred from 3-16-53 through 3-31-53. Payment made at Chatham Hotel and receipt obtained.

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Rebulet January 27, 1953, authorizing the continuance of payments to the captioned informant for a period of three months at the rate of \$800 per month, effective February 1, 1953. This sum was authorized to be used in the following manner--\$600 for living expenses, including payments on his automobile; \$100 for miscellaneous expenses, including entertainment, ordinary travel and literature; and \$100 for payments on back debts.

Reference is also made to Chicago progress letters of February 5, February 20, March 4, March 27 and April 14, 1953, summarizing informant's reactivation efforts through April 7, 1953.

During the past 2½ months the informant has continued to devote full time to reactivation efforts in the Communist Party as a functionary at a national level. Since the informant as late as 1949 was under the jurisdiction of the National Office of the Communist Party, and it is his belief that assignments must emanate from there rather than at the District level, the informant has directed his main efforts toward reactivation to the National Office of the Communist Party.

A large part of the informant's efforts to reactivate during the past period has taken the form of letter writing to individuals whom he believes trust him and are close to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, National Chairman of the Party. The informant has set up a courier system through HARRY I. MILLER, of Chicago, and NY-694-S, of New York, for delivery of these communications to such Party officials as WILLIAM WEINER and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. In addition, the informant has had extensive correspondence through regular channels with MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, prominent and influential Communists in New York. The informant regularly exhibits drafts of the letters which he submits to New York, some of which

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are 11 and 12 pages in length and are designed to secure replies to theoretical Party problems and current inner Party programs and personnel assignments. The informant averages from 4 to 6 letters of this type per week, and because of his expertness in drafting such letters and because of the confidence Party people have in him, the results as reflected in the reply letters, insofar as current information of a National Party nature are concerned, have been excellent.

CG-5824-S was first contacted by this Office for preliminary discussions in connection with reactivation in the Communist Party on April 17, 1952. A period of approximately two months elapsed before the informant agreed to assist the Bureau. At that time the informant had lost all contact with the National Office of the Communist Party and had retained only a personal friendship with a few rank and file comrades in the Chicago area. The informant, as of the date of agreement to assist the Bureau, had some doubt as to whether or not he could be successful in reactivation during a period of apparent disorganization at the national level in the Party. In the early stages of his reactivation efforts the informant warned that the goal that had been set would be difficult to reach, and that the period of time involved for such a reactivation could not be predicted. At the same time he stated that for security reasons positive reactivation steps would necessarily have to be carefully planned and slowly worked out. This policy has been followed, and, in the opinion of the informant and of this Office, the informant has made good progress in his reactivation efforts, and it now appears that the attainment of the original objective may be reached in the near future.

This opinion is based mainly on three occurrences which have happened in the past three months. The first of these involved the receipt of a letter by the informant in early February, 1953 from WILLIAM WEINER, a close associate of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, wherein it was stated that the informant's "isolation" would be corrected within a couple of weeks, but in that connection the informant was warned to remember in these times that "slow motion is the prevailing rate of speed." WEINER in the same letter lamented the fact that conditions were such that the informant was unable to participate at the moment in important Party policy discussions on "broad issues and far-reaching problems."

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Further positive indication that progress has been made in the reactivation of this informant came from a statement made to the informant on April 3, 1953 by HARRY I. MILLER, informant's courier between Chicago and the National Office of the Party. MILLER on that occasion advised the informant that he, the informant, had been assigned "nationally", and that the reason why LEON KATZEN, District No. 8 underground functionary, was not now contacting informant was because he, KATZEN, had been instructed not to make contact with informant for security reasons. MILLER had no details on the nature of the national assignment, and informant did not feel it advisable to make inquiry at that time. The national assignment of the informant was again referred to on April 5, 1953 by WILLIAM SENNETT, present open District No. 8 Communist Party organizer, when during a conversation with the informant SENNETT referred to the fact that he knew that informant had been assigned nationally, and he told the informant that he would not see him unless he was subsequently told to do so. As of the date of the writing of this letter, the informant is still waiting to be advised of the nature of this assignment. In that connection, he dispatched a letter to WILLIAM WEINER of New York through his courier, HARRY MILLER, on April 3, 1953, and a reply is expected from WEINER through the courier sometime within the next week.

Another long range plan which the informant has developed to possibly further him in again assuming a leadership position was started by the informant in November, 1952, when he was in New York. During a contact with MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, former national and New York State functionaries of the Party, the informant, after listening to complaints of these individuals concerning the present National Communist Party leadership, suggested that they register their complaints with persons of influence "abroad," meaning the Russians. The purpose of the informant's suggestion was not to improve National Communist Party leadership but instead, if possible, to get LENA SCHERER placed again in National leadership or in a Party position where she might use her influence to bring informant into a prominent position. The SCHERERS consulted with the First Secretary of the Russian Embassy in late December, 1952, and informant subsequently learned that a part of the conversation concerned "Cadres" and matters involving "inner Party democracy." The informant learned from the SCHERERS that the Russians were extremely interested in these two suggestions, as they related to the Communist Party, USA, and the SCHERERS appeared to be satisfied with

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the results of their trip. On the weekend of April 4, 1953 the SCHERERS were again invited to visit Washington. The informant subsequently learned that on that occasion they had conferences with "representatives of five countries", including a conference with a "Soviet chap." The SCHERERS did not furnish details of their recently held conference but appeared quite satisfied with the results of these trips. Whether or not the Russians will take action on the complaints of the SCHERERS concerning the present leadership of the Party is not known, but it is known that LENA SCHERER is influential with the Russians, and it is believed that her complaints would not be taken lightly by the Russians.

In addition to the above, the informant has been instrumental in encouraging LENA SCHERER to accept a "Cadre" position in the Party. She consented to accept such a position when asked by Party officials approximately eight months ago, but to date she has not been so assigned. If LENA SCHERER is finally assigned to a "Cadre" position, it is believed that such an assignment may assist the informant in obtaining a leadership position, due to the trust and close relationship of the informant with LENA SCHERER over a period of many years. Whether or not this phase of the informant's reactivation program might be successful, is problematic, however, in any event the possibility of the informant's use of the SCHERERS definitely exists, and he will continue to maintain close contact with these people.

Chicago letter of March 27, 1953 requested authorization to again send the informant to New York, so that he might have personal contact with top level Party leadership, including WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, WILLIAM WEINER, BETTY GANNETT and others in an effort to accelerate an assignment and to indicate to them through personal observation that the informant's health is such that he can accept assignment.

Concerning the advisability of such a trip, NY-694-S was contacted by Agents of this Office while he was in Chicago on April 13, 1953 on business, and the New York informant agreed that the trip might be of benefit, and further advised that he believed the suggested cover set out in the letter of March 27, 1953 was sound.

On the same date CG-5824-S advised that he was in agreement that such a trip might be helpful, but in reference to the

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time for making such a trip, the Chicago informant felt that he should first ascertain the nature of the reply letter of WILLIAM WEINER and after reading its contents it would then be possible to arrive at a definite conclusion as to whether or not the informant should proceed to New York on or about April 18, as planned originally and provided if Bureau authorization is granted for such trip.

The informant, in reviewing the results of the past three months on April 13, 1953, advised that he feels encouraged, especially concerning receiving the recent information that he has been assigned "nationally." He, however, again warned that the stakes are high and that he felt the Communist Party and not he should make the next move, and that in his opinion any hurried action on his part may destroy an entire year's work and might, in fact, ruin all possibilities for his affiliation with the Party.

Insofar as the informant's mental attitude is concerned, it continues to be excellent, and he has indicated time after time that he is going all the way to do what he described as a patriotic duty. His health appears to be somewhat improved, however, because of the nature of his illness, the informant will never be a healthy man. However, because of the informant's background in Party leadership and his reputation as a Marxist theorist, it is believed that in the present period of disintegration of Party leadership, that the national leadership might choose to use him to advantage.

During the past three month period the informant has continued to furnish quality current information on the District and National level in the Party and has made contact with Party functionaries and secured high level information of a nature that no other informant of this Office is in a position to duplicate.

Of special interest in that connection was information furnished on March 31, 1953 to the effect that MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, of New York, had been asked to visit Washington a second time, "where friends had expressed a desire to see them." This information was obtained in sufficient time to advise Washington and New York, so that coverage arrangements could be made. Informant later furnished information that the SCHERERS had seen representatives of "five countries", and reference was also made in a subsequent

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letter that LENA SCHERER had seen a "Soviet chap." It is noted that the informant ties these visits of the SCHERERS to Washington into his long range program of attempting to get the SCHERERS into a leadership position in the Party with the aid of the Russians, with the knowledge that if the SCHERERS secure a leadership position, the informant will also come into leadership.

In addition to the above information, the informant has regularly furnished current National Office, New York State and District No. 8 Communist Party information of a high level nature. Examples of this type of information are the following:

On February 1, 1953 informant reported on information received by him from New York concerning a Progressive Party convention held at Minneapolis, wherein dissension "arose among the leadership on the issue of white chauvinism."

On February 17, 1953 the informant reported on the Party reaction in New York to EARL BROWDER's recently made statements on Soviet Communism and on the control by the Russians of the Communist Parties of the World. He also furnished information on the trip of JOE STAROBIN, Daily Worker Foreign Correspondent, ~~and his trip~~ to Peking, China.

On February 26, 1953 informant advised that WILLIAM LAWRENCE, former National Committee member, was "fed up" with his present Party work. On the same date the informant furnished information to the effect that in New York the Communist Party, as a part of the "United Front" Program of the Party, had dissolved a large number of American Labor Party Branches without consulting VITO MARCANTONIO, the leader of the Party.

On February 27, 1953 informant furnished a National Party Education Document received by him from New York on the new Party line on the "Negro question", and furnished information as to how the document was being received by Communist leadership in New York.

On March 11, 1953 informant furnished information received from New York that MARCEL SCHERER had a scheduled meeting with GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, convicted New York Smith Act

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subject on the following Tuesday. This information was received in sufficient time to advise New York in order to cover this meeting.

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On March 13, 1953 [redacted] at the request of CG-5824-S, had contact with SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, national functionary of the Party now underground, in an effort to determine whether or not SUE KLING was in contact with her husband. The [redacted] who is an old friend of SUE KLING, learned that SUE KLING has not seen her husband since the fall of 1952 but knows that he is well.

On March 14, 1953 the informant had contact with CHARLES MITCHELL, leading Party Trade Unionist in the Chicago area, and was able to obtain valuable information concerning the Party trade union activities in the Chicago area.

On March 18, 1953 the informant exhibited a letter received from MARCEL SCHERER of New York dated March 12, 1953, which discussed the coming National Peace Co-Ordinators policy report to be given in Chicago at a national meeting of leaders of the American Peace Crusade on March 14-15, 1953. This letter also discussed the fight among Communist leaders on the previously described "Negro question" document and the roll of HARRY HAYWOOD in connection with the new Party line as expressed in the "Negro question" document. The informant subsequently was furnished with a mimeographed document containing a full report of the National Peace Co-Ordinators given at the Chicago meeting of the American Peace Crusade on March 14-15, 1953.

A letter received from LENA SCHERER dated March 14, 1953 identified the present Party position of HARRY HAYWOOD as being a member of the National Negro Commission. This letter also thoroughly discussed the new Party line on the "Negro question."

On March 19, 1953 the informant furnished information received from New York that HOWARD BOLT, a Daily Worker Staff member for 20 years, would be discharged as of March 31, 1953 from his position and would be succeeded by ROB HALL, Washington Correspondent of the "Daily Worker". On the same date the informant furnished information on a meeting of the New York District Communist Party, Industrial Division, and the figures furnished to the leaders attending that meeting concerning the re-registration of Negroes in New York state. Considerable information was also obtained from

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the reports given at the above described meeting on Communist strength in the Fur Workers and Shoe Workers Unions in New York State.

On March 26, 1953 LENA SCHERER advised the informant of the contemplated trip of her and her husband to Washington, D. C., which was previously described in detail in this letter. In the same letter the informant was told about a recently held New York State Communist Party Peace Commission meeting which was attended by MARCEL SCHERER and was chaired by GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, previously described. The letter also furnished additional information concerning HARRY HAYWOOD's inner Party struggle on the "Negro question." It also advised that WILLIAM LAWRENCE had a full time Party assignment, and that LENA SCHERER had again offered her services on the Party "Cadre" Commission, but had not received an assignment as yet.

On March 24, 1953 the informant was in personal contact with OTTO WANGERIN, charter member of the Party and close friend of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER in Chicago and presently the Party leader assigned to the Civil Rights Congress. WANGERIN spoke freely to the informant concerning Party personnel and activity and agreed to arrange for the informant to visit with STEVE NELSON, Pittsburgh Smith Act subject, during NELSON's coming trip to Chicago on the following weekend. In the course of the conversation, WANGERIN identified WILLIAM SENNETT as the present open District organizer of the Communist Party in Chicago and identified ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, presently underground, as still working with the National groups in the Chicago area. WANGERIN also discussed other Communist Party personnel but indicated that he did not know where they were operating.

On April 1, 1953 the informant advised that he had arranged to have a luncheon date with his courier, HARRY MILLER, on April 3, 1953, having been advised by MILLER that he intended to make a trip to New York on that weekend and would take any messages that the informant wanted to be delivered. The informant and MILLER met on the appointed date, at which time the informant gave him a written message for delivery to WILLIAM WEINER and also an oral message for WEINER, wherein the informant made specific complaint as to his isolation and told MILLER to tell WEINER that the informant

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had had no contact as referred to in WEINER's letter to the informant of January 25, 1953. The informant also orally told MILLER to advise WEINER that he, the informant, may possibly be in New York in the near future to explore the possibility of working in the Chicago area as a contact man for the firm of NY-694-S.

On April 5, 1953 the informant had contact with STEVE NELSON, previously described, and JOE WEBER, Communist Party Trade Union leader in the Chicago area, and with WILLIAM SENNETT, also District No. 8 Communist Party leader, at the residence of WILLIAM SENNETT. NELSON, according to the informant, was staying at the SENNETT home during the time he was in Chicago. The informant learned that OTTO WANGERIN was out of the Civil Rights Congress and had not yet been so advised. SENNETT, during the course of conversation with the informant, mentioned that he knew the informant had been assigned "nationally."

NELSON had a friendly discussion with the informant concerning his pending cases, both the State case and the Smith Act case against the subject, and he discussed general conditions in the Party itself. NELSON furnished the informant with considerable information concerning the effect of the Tito defection on the American Yugoslav Communists in various cities. He also discussed in detail his recent book, "The Volunteers."

On April 3, 1953 the informant was again in contact with CHARLES MITCHELL, previously described, who advised the informant that ROMANIA FERGUSON, wife of RAY HANSBROUGH, former National Party functionary, now deceased, was in Chicago and wanted to see the informant. MITCHELL arranged for this meeting, which took place on April 6, 1953.

FERGUSON, whom the informant has known for years, was extremely friendly with the informant and discussed her difficulties with the Party and her activities as a member of the Board of the Communist Summer Camp located at Camp Unity in New York.

A letter received from LENA SCHERER of New York dated April 6, 1953 was exhibited by the informant and furnished considerable information concerning her recent visit to Washington and her contacts with representatives of five countries. She made the statement that in her discussions she had learned

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that the current change in the Russian line was worked out at the 19th Congress of the CPSU, and that she had been told that "more is coming."

On April 11, 1953 the informant had personal contact with CHARLES MITCHELL, previously described, who briefed the informant on the Communist factional fight in UE-FE in the Chicago area on the issue of affiliation with the United Auto Workers of America - CIO. The informant also learned of personnel changes being made among comrades in the Union. MITCHELL also told the informant of the nature of the Party assignment of SAM KUSHNER in the underground for about two years and indicated generally where KUSHNER is now operating.

A letter of April 9, 1953 from MARCEL SCHERER, previously described, detailed the nature of his conversation with GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY of the National Communist Party Office, wherein CHARNEY discussed the present Party Program on "United Front" work and "Peace" and went over the complete National Party Program with SCHERER.

A letter received from LENA SCHERER on April 15, 1953 advised the informant that she had visited AL LANNON, Smith Act subject, presently in the hospital. She told the informant that LANNON had "spilled his guts" to her about his political and personal differences with the National leadership of the Party. She told the informant that he had reduced some of his complaints to writing with the understanding that the written matter would reach the SCHERER's "friends" in Washington (the Russians).

In addition to the above, the informant in March, 1953 furnished a detailed account of his personal knowledge of international Party schools, particularly the Lenin School, and of the individuals who are known by the informant to have attended these schools or travelled to Russia.

Summary and Recommendations

The above examples are typical of the information of quality which the informant has furnished during the last 2½ months.

In total informant's file now consists of 249 serials reflecting information on the Communist Party nationally

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and locally and on approximately 350 key individuals in the Communist movement. Some of the information furnished concerns individuals who are known to have operated in the Party apparatus from the period 1932 through 1945. The informant's information is detailed and accurate and there is much ground still to be covered on individuals and Communist activities in the past.

Should the information that the informant has been assigned "nationally" be correct, and there is good reason to believe that it is correct, the quality and quantity of the informant's information should increase. The extent of the increase, of course, will depend on the nature of the informant's assignment.

It is believed that informant to date, considering all the pitfalls that had to be overcome, has made good progress toward reactivation. While not yet in the inner circles of the Party, informant has nevertheless furnished this Office and New York with information that it is believed few people assisting the Bureau could duplicate. The informant's financial condition is still bad, but he is using the money received from the Bureau to correct this condition. He makes no outward display that he is receiving money, in fact, he has not purchased even an article of clothing, because he feels his security is involved.

On April 9, 1953 a representative of I.N.S. at Chicago, during a casual conversation on pending I.N.S. cases, advised the Chicago Office that I.N.S. in Chicago is preparing a denaturalization case on informant, which will be started in the immediate future. The Bureau by airtel of April 9, 1953 was advised and requested to take appropriate action with I.N.S. and advise action desired by this Office.

On the basis of the excellent information furnished by the informant, to date, and his future potential, it is recommended that the Bureau authorize the continuance of payments to the informant for an additional three months period beginning on May 1, 1953 at the rate of \$800 per month to be used in the following manner--\$600 for living expenses, including payments on his automobile; \$100 for miscellaneous expenses, including entertainment, ordinary travel and literature; \$100 for payments on back debts.

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The Bureau will be advised of all developments in connection with the reactivation efforts of this informant.

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NY 694-S. RE N.Y. AIRTEL APRIL NINE LAST. NY 694-S ADVISED
APRIL SIXTEEN LAST THAT HE WILL DEPART FOR NEW YORK ON UNITED
AIRLINES FLIGHT 414 AT TWO PM C.S.T. APRIL FIFTEEN NEXT.
CHICAGO WAS IN CONTACT WITH INFORMANT ON APRIL THIRTEEN AND
SIXTEEN LAST WITH MOST OF DISCUSSION CENTERING ON PROCEDURE
TO BE FOLLOWED IN FUTURE IN REACTIVATING CG 5824-S. FOR INFO.

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cc: 1 - New York (134-91)(NY 694-S)

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4/20/53

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)(REGISTERED)
SAC, NEW YORK (REGISTERED) (1 - NY 134-91 (NY-694-S))
(1 - NY 66-6989 (CG-5824-S))
(1 - NY 100-7577 (WILLIAM WEINER))

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RE CG-5824-S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL APRIL THREE LAST AND CHICAGO LETTER TO DIRECTOR MARCH TWENTY SEVEN LAST, SAME CAPTION. CG-5824-S ON APRIL NINETEEN LAST EXHIBITED AN UNDATED LETTER FROM WILLIAM WEINER, CP NATIONAL FUNCTIONARY OF NEW YORK, WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO INFORMANT BY HARRY I. MILLER, PARTY COURIER BETWEEN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO, ON APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST. LETTER IS BELIEVED BY INFORMANT TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY WEINER ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO AND DELIVERED TO MILLER DURING MILLER'S RECENT TRIP TO NEW YORK. MILLER RETURNED TO CHICAGO ON APRIL TEN LAST. PERTINENT EXCERPTS OF LETTER ARE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE OUR OUT OF TOWN FRIEND BROUGHT YOUR MORE THAN WELCOME NOTE. BELIEVE ME, I FEEL VERY BADLY FOR NOT HAVING WRITTEN SOONER. BUT FIRSTLY, THE OTHER CHANNEL YOU USE (THE LETTER DROP USED BY CG-5824-S CONSISTING OF NY-694-S WHO TURNS MAIL OVER TO HELLER, SON IN LAW OF WEINER) IS PRACTICALLY UNAVAILABLE TO ME. AT LEAST I DON'T EXACTLY KNOW HOW TO ARRANGE THE MATTER. SECONDLY, UNTIL A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, I LIVED UNDER CONDITIONS OF SEIGE,

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DAY AND NIGHT, TWENTY FOUR HOURS AROUND THE CLOCK. THAT OF COURSE MADE IT TOTALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO SEE ANYONE OR DO ANYTHING. THAT OF COURSE EXPLAINS WHY I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO SETTLE ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT MATTER CONCERNING YOURSELF. DURING THAT PERIOD I HAD A MEETING SCHEDULED WITH A COUPLE OF GOOD FRIENDS FROM OUT OF TOWN (POSSIBLY CP NATIONAL UNDERGROUND LEADERS, ACCORDING TO INFORMANT) WHERE AMONG OTHER THINGS, WE WERE GOING TO EXCHANGE THOUGHTS CONCERNING THE WHAT AND HOW OF YOUR CONTACTS AND SOME WORK. THEY CAME BUT I COULDN'T SO NOTHING HAPPENED. HOWEVER, I EXPECT TO SEE THESE PEOPLE VERY SOON AND INTEND TO FULLY EXPLORE WITH THEM THE IMMEDIATE POSSIBILITIES. IT WOULD OF COURSE BE IMMENSELY HELPFUL IF I COULD HEAR SOME SUGGESTIONS AND PREFERENCES FROM YOU WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS DASH IS THAT POSSIBLE? (SUGGESTIONS AND PREFERENCES FROM INFORMANT AS TO THE TYPE OF WORK HE CAN DO.) THINGS MOVE RATHER SLOWLY THESE DAYS. THERE ARE NUMEROUS UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION, PROBLEMS OF SUCCESSFULLY COMBINING TWO TYPES OF WORK (THE OPEN PARTY AND THE UNDERGROUND WORK), OF BEGINNING TO BREAK OUT OF ISOLATION, OF SECURITY, OF DEFENSE, OF AMNESTY, ETC., ETC. AND YET ALBEIT SLOWLY, WE ARE MOVING ALONG AND MATTERS BEGIN TO SHAPE UP AND THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE BEGINS TO LOOK MORE PROMISING. DASH DASH DASH. THINGS GENERALLY LOOK BETTER THAN THEY HAVE IN SOME TIME. SO MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS THAT I WOULD ENJOY A FACE TO FACE CHAT WITH YOU ON SOME OF THESE EVENTS. PERHAPS SOME DAY SOON,

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HER? UNQUOTE. LETTER CONCLUDES WITH PERSONAL MATTERS AND A COMMENT BY WEINER CONCERNING THE BROWDER DEFECTION. WEINER'S ORAL MESSAGE TO INFORMANT WAS TO THE EFFECT THAT HE WISHED THE INFORMANT COULD COME IN FOR A DISCUSSION REGARDING HIS WORK. HE SAID THAT DUE TO THE INFORMANT'S HEALTH IT WAS FELT ADVISABLE NOT TO PLACE HIM COMPLETELY UNDERGROUND BUT THAT HE WANTED TO KNOW INFORMANT'S PREFERENCES. HE ORALLY STATED THAT ON THE OTHER HAND THE PARTY DID NOT FEEL THAT MAKING THE INFORMANT AN OPEN LEADER WAS DESIRABLE AND THAT SOME JOB MUST BE FOUND WHERE THE INFORMANT WOULD NOT NEED TO BE PLACED COMPLETELY UNDERGROUND, AND WHERE HE WOULD NOT BE OUT IN THE OPEN EITHER. WEINER EMPHASIZED TO MILLER TO STRESS THAT HE, WEINER, WANTED TO HEAR THE INFORMANT'S PREFERENCES AND SUGGESTIONS. NY-694-S WAS IN CHICAGO AT THE TIME OF RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE WRITTEN AND ORAL MESSAGE. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE FACT THAT NY-694-S WAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR NEW YORK BY PLANE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR INFORMANTS TO FULLY DISCUSS THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE. CG-3824-S, HOWEVER, DRAFTED A REPLY NOTE TO WEINER, WHICH INFORMANT DESCRIBED AS QUOTE NOT PERFECT AND NOT COMPLETELY THOUGHT OUT UNQUOTE. THIS NOTE WAS GIVEN TO NY-694-S FOR ULTIMATE DELIVERY TO WEINER IN THE PRE-ARRANGED MANNER BECAUSE CG-3824-S WAS ATTEMPTING TO CONFORM TO WEINER'S REQUEST OF AN ANSWER WITHIN A WEEK OR TEN DAYS. THE REASON FOR THIS REQUEST, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMANT, WAS APPARENTLY BECAUSE WEINER HAD A SCHEDULED MEETING WITH QUOTE UNDERGROUND LEADERS UNQUOTE WHO MUST

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PASS ON THE INFORMANT'S ASSIGNMENT BEFORE AUTHORITY FOR ASSIGNMENT IS GIVEN. THE NOTE STATED THAT DUE TO LACK OF TIME AND IN ORDER TO ASSURE QUICK DELIVERY, CG-5824-S WANTED TO SEND WEINER REGARDS BUT WOULD BE UNABLE TO OFFER SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING PREFERENCES FOR WORK SINCE SUCH SUGGESTIONS REQUIRE TIME TO THINK THEM OUT. IT ADDED THAT THE INFORMANT MAY BE ABLE TO TALK IN PERSON WITH WEINER WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS BECAUSE THE INFORMANT MUST EARN A LIVING AND NY-694-S HAS MADE AN OFFER TO HIM OF POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN THE FIRM OF NY-694-S. HE SAID THAT FOR THAT REASON HE MAY HAVE TO COME TO NEW YORK TO MEET THE FIRM PARTNER AND TO LEARN ABOUT THE PRODUCT. IN THE EVENT THE INFORMANT DECIDES TO LOOK INTO EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES WITH THE FIRM OF NY-694-S, THE INFORMANT STATED THAT HE WOULD SEE WEINER. INFORMANT, IN COMMENTING ON THE ABOVE, FEELS THAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE NOW VERY GOOD FOR NATIONAL ASSIGNMENT PROVIDED THAT WEINER IS PERMITTED TO MOVE ABOUT FREELY TO MEET THE UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP MENTIONED ABOVE. IN THAT CONNECTION, INFORMANT ADVISED THAT IF WEINER IS SURVEILLED AGAIN AS HE WAS UNTIL TWO WEEKS AGO, THE PARTY WILL LIKELY CONSIDER HIM A SECURITY RISK AND SEVER HIM FROM ALL CONTACTS AND REMOVE HIM FROM ANY ACTIVE WORK. INFORMANT SAID THAT IF WEINER IS ISOLATED AT THIS TIME BY THE PARTY DUE TO SURVEILLANCE, IT WILL SET BACK THE INFORMANT'S REACTIVATION PROGRESS TO THE POINT WHERE A YEAR'S WORK MAY BE UNDONE. THE INFORMANT ADVISED THAT HE HAD BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE CONTENTS OF WEINER'S

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LETTER WITH NY-694-S, PARTICULARLY IN REFERENCE TO WEINER'S REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT PREFERENCES. BOTH INFORMANTS AGREE THAT FOR CG-5824-S TO GO COMPLETELY UNDERGROUND OR FOR HIM TO BE ASSIGNED OPENLY WOULD NOT BE GOOD AS FAR AS BUREAU INTERESTS ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE IN EITHER CASE INFORMANT WOULD BE STRICTLY LIMITED IN CONTACTS AND IN AVAILABLE INFORMATION. INFORMANTS BELIEVE THAT A MIDDLE OF THE ROAD ASSIGNMENT MIGHT BE MOST DESIRABLE AND INFORMANTS AGREED THAT IF CG-5824-S COULD OBTAIN ASSIGNMENT TO QUOTE CADRE WORK UNQUOTE AND POSSIBLY FURNISH QUOTE POLITICAL ADVICE UNQUOTE ON A NATIONAL SCALE HE WOULD BE IN THE BEST POSITION TO SERVE THE BUREAU. IN CONNECTION WITH QUOTE CADRE WORK UNQUOTE, INFORMANT ADVISED THAT IF SUCH ASSIGNMENT WERE GIVEN HE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO CHOOSE INDIVIDUALS FOR ASSIGNMENT IN ALL TYPES OF WORK AND POSSIBLY TO LOCATE THEM AND GUIDE THEIR ACTIVITIES. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS, THE INFORMANT AND THIS OFFICE FEEL THAT ALL POSSIBLE OBSTACLES THAT MIGHT EFFECT CONTACTS BY WEINER WITH THE PARTY UNDERGROUND NOW AND UNTIL THE INFORMANT SECURES ASSIGNMENT SHOULD BE REMOVED IN ORDER THAT THE INFORMANT CAN GET ASSIGNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALONG THE SAME LINE, THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE INS THAT THE BUREAU HAS A PENDING INVESTIGATION ON WEINER AND REQUEST THAT NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION OR SURVEILLANCE BE CONDUCTED ON WEINER AND FURTHER THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE ARRESTED FOR PAROLE VIOLATION UNTIL CLEARANCE IS RECEIVED FROM THE BUREAU. ~~NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO QUARTREL HIS OPINION~~

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THE BUREAU AND NEW YORK ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT OPINIONS AS TO THE TYPE OF ASSIGNMENT NATIONALLY THAT CG 5824-S MIGHT STATE PREFERENCE FOR IN ORDER THAT SERVICES COULD BE UTILIZED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT IN CONNECTION WITH UNDERGROUND AND COMFUG INVESTIGATIONS. IN THAT CONNECTION IT IS SUGGESTED THAT NY-694-S SHOULD BE CONSULTED BY NEW YORK. CHICAGO AND INFORMANT ARE OF OPINION THAT "CADRE WORK" AND SERVICES ON NATIONAL "POLITICAL MATTERS" WOULD PROVIDE THE BROADEST COVERAGE AND CALL FOR LEADERSHIP CONTACTS OF IMPORTANCE AND FURTHER THAT PARTY CONSIDERS HIM QUALIFIED TO OCCUPY SUCH POSITIONS. CG-5824-S AND NY-694-S NOW BELIEVE THAT ADEQUATE COVER IS LAID FOR CG-5824-S TO MAKE TRIP TO NEW YORK FOR CONTACT AND CONSULTATION WITH WEINER AND OTHER NATIONAL FUNCTIONARIES IN ORDER FOR INFORMANT TO SECURE ASSIGNMENT. CG-5824-S ALSO ADVISED ON APRIL 19 INSTANT THAT HE NOW BELIEVES SUCH A TRIP SHOULD BE MADE NO LATER THAN THE WEEKEND OF MAY 1 NEXT. ACCORDINGLY, BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO SEND INFORMANT TO NEW YORK AS OUTLINED AT PAGE 4 OF REFERENCED CHICAGO LET OF MARCH 27 LAST. EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE USED IN HANDLING THIS MATERIAL IN VIEW OF THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS RECEIVED AND IN VIEW

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OF INFORMANT'S HIGH PLACED POSITION.

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SAC

April 22, 1953

SA CARL N. FREYMAN

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IRWIN STEIN

On February 3, 1953, CG 5824-S orally advised the writer that [redacted] was in contact with IRWIN STEIN on the previous date.

Since no other persons were present during the conversation, the material must be carefully paraphrased and handled in order to give maximum security to this high placed source.

STEIN told the source that the "Sentinel" is steadily losing its advertisers because the Jewish Community wants the paper to take a definite stand editorially against anti-semitism. He said that JACK FISHBAIN was preparing an editorial on the matter but it would not satisfy the Jewish Community.

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100- Jack Fishbein

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NY, 4/20/53

Transmit the following Teletype message to: CHICAGO

CG 5824-S. NY 694-S DESIRES THAT CG 5824-S BE ADVISED THAT
MESSAGE HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO "MILTY." *(Heller)*

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- ☐ Mr. Dennis
- ☐ Mrs. Dolan
- ☐ Miss Dunkel
- ☐ Mr. Frankfurt
- ☐ Mr. Langille
- ☒ Mr. McMahon
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- ☐ Miss Ryan
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Re Chicago letter to Bureau, 3/27/53.

Upon his recent return from Chicago where he attended a photographer's convention and was in contact with CG-5824-S and agents of the Chicago Office, NY-694-S discussed with the New York Office the plan, as outlined in referenced letter, of sending CG-5824-S to New York, presumably to become acquainted with the details of NY-694-S's business, which he will represent in the Mid-West, but actually to contact important CP functionaries with respect to reactivation.

The New York Office considers the plan, as outlined in referenced letter excellent, and has been informed by NY-694-S that his business partner has agreed to employ CG-5824-S to the extent described in referenced letter.

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RE C.O. 5824-S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL SERIAL TWENTY, L ST. NY 694-S
AND NYO AGREE THAT ^{CADRE} "C" AND WORK IN CONNECTION WITH
POLITICAL MATTERS IS SUGGESTED BY CO 5824-S AND CHICAGO OFFICE.
WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION OF VALUE IN
UNDERGROUND AND COMMUNIST INVESTIGATIONS.

BOARDMAN

3-BUREAU (61-7665) (REGULAR MAIL)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - United States Government

TO: SAC, Chicago
FROM: SA JOHN E. KEATING
SUBJECT: CG- 5824 -S

DATE: April 23, 1953

Bureau instructions state that in the event of any emergency, confidential informants will not be apprehended along with other Detecm subjects. It may be necessary, however, to apprehend certain informants so that information may be obtained from Security Index subjects while incarcerated.

Due to the changing status of individual informants, agents to whom informants are assigned are not to discuss this matter with them at this time. Before any actual apprehension, however, the entire situation would be discussed with the informant to be certain that he would be willing to operate in this manner for the Bureau.

By Chicago letter to the Bureau, dated 4-20-53, the above captioned informant ~~was~~ - was not recommended for apprehension. Where the informant was not recommended for apprehension the reason for this decision is indicated. Referenced Chicago letter is located in 100-19702.

CG 5824-S. This informant is not being recommended for apprehension at this time due to the status of his health. Inasmuch as the informant may become "highly placed" in the CP movement in the future, the decision as to his apprehension will be constantly re-evaluated.

The contents of this memorandum are for information only.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 4-20-53

FROM : C. N. Freymen

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S (134-46)

On 4/16/53 the writer paid the above informant the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered and expenses incurred during period 4-1 thru 4-15-53. Payment at Conrad Hilton and receipt obtained.

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TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

DATE: April 23, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (61-7665)

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SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

Reurlet April 16, 1953.

Based upon your recommendation, authority is granted to continue payments to this informant at the rate of \$800 per month, effective May 1, 1953, for a period of three months. This sum is authorized to be used in the following manner: \$600 for living expenses, including payments on his automobile; \$100 for miscellaneous expenses, including entertainment, ordinary travel and literature, and \$100 for payments on back debts.

The Bureau is closely following the development of this individual and you should continue to personally supervise his handling to obtain the maximum benefit from his services.

The Bureau is presently giving consideration to authorizing a trip to New York by the informant so that he can personally discuss with high Party leaders an assignment on a national level. You will be further advised concerning this matter.

In addition, the Bureau is giving full consideration to the present situation of William Weiner, who is under investigation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for parole violation.

In connection with informant's progress, biweekly reports should be submitted to the Bureau concerning his activity and efforts to become reactivated on behalf of the Bureau. Two weeks prior to the expiration of the authorized payment period you should again submit an informative summary setting forth the value of the informant and your recommendation as to his continuance.

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TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

DATE: April 23, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (61-7665)

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SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

Re Chicago let dated March 27, 1953, entitled, "CG-5824-S."
It is noted that the informant's son has been interviewed by the
Army for summer employment at [redacted] in Maryland.

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It is noted that the informant's son has been separated
from the informant for many years and has not been connected with
the informant in his Communist Party activity.

The Bureau was requested to advise both offices as to how
this matter should be handled if inquiries are made.

If either office receives any inquiry relative to this
application, the Bureau should be informed, setting forth all details.
Likewise, if an inquiry is made at the Seat of Government by G-2,
the Bureau will then consider what action will be necessary not only
to protect the informant's present status, but also to be certain that
his son's lack of activity is called to the attention of the proper
authorities.

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The Bureau files contain no record of subversive derogatory
information concerning [redacted]

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TO : SAC

DATE: 4-28-53

FROM : CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: CG 4/4/53 5824-S (134-46)

On 4-27-53 SAC KLINE WEATHERFORD, SA John KEATING and the writer met with informant at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. The meeting was arranged primarily for the purpose of introducing the SAC to the informant so that he could reassure the informant on matters previously discussed by SAC JOHN MALONE with the informant. At the conclusion of the SAC interview, the informant advised the writer that he felt that the SAC had covered all points to informant's satisfaction and the informant stated that he intended to help the Bureau to the full extent of his ability.

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Reference Chicago letter to the Director dated April 13, 1953, summarizing the informant's reactivation efforts through April 7, 1953. Reference is also made to Chicago airtel of April 20, 1953, setting forth the contents of a letter received by the informant on April 18, 1953, from WILLIAM WINNER, prominent national leader of the Communist Party of New York. The following summary is submitted concerning the informant's reactivation efforts during the period April 8 through April 21, 1953:

On April 10, 1953, MIKE J. COHEN, Communist Party member and veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, was in contact with [redacted] CG-5824-S, and made inquiry as to whether or not he could bring his wife, SUE COHEN, former District #8 office employee and a present member of the Hyde Park Section of the Communist Party, to stay at the residence of CG-5824-S while SUE COHEN was recovering from a recent illness. CG-5824-S, after discussion with Agents of this office, told COHEN that the informant and his wife would be glad to have his wife but due to commitments and to the fact that NY-694-S was in Chicago they would be unable to accommodate SUE COHEN for a week or two. This procedure was decided upon because at that time the informant did not feel that he should have a rank and file party member living at his residence since he was expecting a contact from more important Party people. The informant told COHEN that he could bring his wife to the informant's residence on any other week end and that she was more than welcome to come. b7D

On April 10th last the informant was again in contact with CHARLES MITCHELL, leading Communist Party trade unionist in Chicago, who told the informant that ROMANIA ISAACS, of New York, the former wife of RAY HANSBROUGH, former national CP leader now deceased, had been unable to see CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, District No. 8 Executive Secretary now underground, during her recent visit to Chicago. He then told the informant of the current factional fight in the Farm Equipment Workers Union among comrades wherein some comrades

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interpret the National Party line resolution of December 28, 1952, to mean that FE must rejoin the CIO. MITCHELL identified two FE organizers and Communist Party members who have been recently dismissed by FE for economy reasons. He also identified the leader of the faction desiring to reaffiliate with the CIO as being CHUCK HALL, a prominent Party trade union leader. MITCHELL also identified SAM KUSHNER, CP functionary of District No. 8 now underground, as being the present Party Division contact for the United Electrical and Machine Workers of America and spoke along a line that indicated that KUSHNER is presently in the Chicago area. MITCHELL also commented that the Party feels that HILLIARD ELLIS, former UAW Local 453 organizer who recently publicly defected from the CP, has worked out a deal in which UAW will provide him with a job.

A letter of April 10, 1953, received from LENA SCHERER, prominent New York Communist, reported on the current CP line on the "peace program." According to the information furnished by SCHERER, the Party now takes the position that there is no need to build a peace organization since "peace" is already here and the Party therefore is now embarking on new so-called "mass work." SCHERER commented that only the last Sunday the "Soviet chap" (believed by the informant to be an employee of the Soviet Embassy in Washington) asked her what was being done "organizationally" to increase "peace sentiments." She added that she is still waiting for an assignment in the "Party Cadre Commission" after having been told 8 months ago that her services were needed in that commission.

A letter of April 9, 1953, from MARCEL SCHERER, also a prominent New York Communist and the former National Chairman of the National Conference for Peace, gave the informant a detailed account of a recent meeting she held with GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, convicted New York Smith Act subject, on the current Party peace program. CHARNEY told SCHERER of the Party's plan to increase the work of the American Peace Crusade a hundredfold and of the Party plan to set up a one man office for full time work on peace. He also related that plans are being set up to establish a better Party "peace commission" consisting of trade unionists, Negro leaders, and members of "mass right-wing organizations" as required in the National Committee Resolution of December 28, 1952. According to SCHERER, CHARNEY spoke of possible

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liquidation of the present Party peace groups and committees. SCOTTER reportedly argued for the necessity of maintaining a Party organization for an effective "peace program" to lead the "united front" mass organization work and CHARN Y agreed to think more on the points raised by SCOTTER.

On April 13 and 17 last, lengthy conferences were held by the Agent with CG-5824-S and NY-694-S, the latter of whom was in Chicago on business. The main points discussed concerned the progress toward reactivation to date of CG-5824-S and the advisability of that informant's making a trip to New York on or about May 1, 1953, to accelerate his reactivation. Both informants were in agreement that considerable progress had been made toward the reactivation of CG-5824-S and that WILLIAM WEINER, of New York, was the necessary "key contact" in the entire reactivation program. They stressed the fact that so long as WILLIAM WEINER is not in jail he has power in the Communist Party nationally regardless of whether or not he has a party title. They advised that CG-5824-S has always been among WEINER's closest friends. They stated that they know of no one in the national office who is presently not in jail who has WEINER's power regardless of whether or not WEINER now has a present title.

NY-694-S advised that he talked over the possible employment of CG-5824-S for cover purposes in the firm of NY-694-S with his, NY-694-S', business partner. According to NY-694-S, the business partner has agreed to allow CG-5824-S to operate for the firm as a contact man in the Chicago area so long as the firm incurs no expense. The New York informant has also talked with the informant's wife who agrees that such work would be beneficial to the health of CG-5824-S. NY-694-S also advised that the financial matter insofar as bookkeeping is concerned can be handled without expense to the Bureau through a transfer of funds from CG-5824-S to the firm of NY-694-S so that appropriate bookkeeping entries can be made. Under the plan, CG-5824-S would not be an employee of the firm but instead would be an independent contractor and the necessity of employee insurance as required by New York State would be obviated.

NY-694-S was told to withhold any bookkeeping entries in his firm's books for CG-5824-S until the income tax problem

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could be checked so that he could be advised as to how the matter could be handled in the best way. It was also agreed in that connection that the cover would be laid among the Communist Party along the line that the duties of CG-5824-S, insofar as the firm of NY-694-S is concerned, involve some travel. This suggestion was made in order to give CG-5824-S future covers for trips to New York or to other points and also to lay a basis for the Party to begin thinking of his potential usefulness in connection with Party travel assignments on a limited scale.

Both informants also agreed that the trip to New York on or about May 1st next would be contingent on the nature of the reply letter of WILLIAM WEINER, which was expected to be delivered within the next few days.

On April 17th last during conversations with both informants, they referred to a news item that appeared in the local press on that date concerning one STEFAN HAYM, a writer formerly in the United States who had sought asylum in East Germany. Both informants knew this individual in Chicago and New York and furnished his Party history. NY-694-S also identified this individual as having assisted J. PETERS, Comintern representative in the United States in the 1930's, in writing the Party "Manual of Organization." The Bureau was advised of these details by airtel.

On April 17, 1953, NY-694-S telephonically contacted HARRY I. MILLER, CP courier between Chicago and New York, in an effort to see MILLER and possibly to hasten the reply note which MILLER was believed to have had in his possession from WILLIAM WEINER. MILLER, during the conversation, told the informant that he would see both NY-694-S and CG-5824-S on the following morning.

On April 18 last MILLER appeared at the residence of CG-5824-S as scheduled and apologized for his laxity in delaying the delivery of the WEINER note, stating that he had been occupied on important business matters.

CG-5824-S exhibited the note from WILLIAM WEINER to the Agent on April 19 last and the contents of this note were

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set forth in Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated April 20, 1953. The letter in summary stated that WEINER due to a twenty-four hour a day Fisur had been unable to meet with two persons from "outside" to settle the "what and how" of informant's contacts and the nature of the work the informant was to be assigned to. WEINER asked the informant for a statement of "preference" for work and requested that the informant reply to his note in a week or ten days, if possible, since he expected to see the "outside people" soon and could explore the immediate possibilities. WEINER's letter stated that things were moving slowly, that there were problems of coordination, problems of successfully combining "two types of work," but in general the future looked more promising. He also made the statement that he hoped that he and CG-5824-S could soon have a "face to face talk" to go over the recent many happenings in the Party.

At the same time, that is on April 18 last, MILLER delivered to CG-5824-S an oral message from WEINER which was to the effect that due to the informant's health it was felt that the informant could not be placed completely underground and on the other hand the party did not feel it was desirable to place the informant in the open for security reasons. WEINER stated that some job would be found where the informant would not be placed completely underground nor would he be completely in the open.

Since it was determined that MILLER may have carried the above letter in his pocket for a week to ten days and since NY-694-S was departing for New York within an hour after the message was received on April 18 last, CG-5824-S immediately drafted a short reply note to WEINER for delivery by NY-694-S on his return to New York. The letter referred to WEINER's communication but stated that the informant would not be able to state preferences for work assignment on such short notice because such statements required time to think them out. The informant added that he might be able to talk with WEINER in person within the next few weeks because he may get employment with NY-694-S' firm and if so must come to New York to learn about the firm's product.

The note, according to New York airtel of April 20th last, was delivered to MILTON HELLER, son-in-law of WILLIAM WEINER, by NY-694-S on arrival of the New York informant in New York.

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Prior to the departure of NY-694-S for New York and after receipt of the WEINER letter of April 18, 1953, both informants again discussed the advisability of the Chicago informant making a trip to New York. They agreed that CG-5824-S could now make the trip to New York and were of the opinion that it should be made within the next few weeks. NY-694-S felt that if such a trip were made it would assist both him and CG-5824-S in their joint reactivation efforts. It was also decided that if the informant should state a preference for assignment, the preference should be for "cadre" work or for work of a "political" nature. This, in the opinion of the informants, would give CG-5824-S the greatest number of contacts at the functionary level of both the open and the underground parties and would put the informant in a position where it was felt he could best assist the Bureau.

The Bureau and New York by airtel of April 20th were advised to express opinions as to whether or not the Chicago informant should ask for the type of work above mentioned and New York airtel of April 22, 1953, confirmed the Chicago opinion that this type of work would be more beneficial to the Bureau. The Bureau opinion has not been received to date.

In view of the opinion of this office and the opinions of both the New York and Chicago informants that such a trip was advisable for CG-5824-S to make, the Bureau was requested to grant authority for such trip by airtel of April 20, 1953.

On April 27, 1953, discussion was again had with CG-5824-S on the same subject matter at which time the informant advised that with Bureau approval he would depart for New York on May 4 or 5 next and felt that he could see necessary people to settle the matter of assignment in a matter of two weeks or less.

Evaluation of Reactivation Efforts and Future Plans

The informant in conversations on April 17, 19 and 27 last stated that he now feels that the information he had received from HARRY MILLER and WILLIAM SENNETT, the latter the present open leader of the Party in Chicago, in early April, 1953, to the effect that the informant has been assigned nationally is confirmed by the WILLIAM WEINER letter

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of April 18, 1953. He, however, feels that due to the lack of communications as evidenced by the delay of the WILLIAM WEINER letter, and also due to the known disorganization of the national Party leadership, the best way of handling negotiations from this point on in order to accelerate national assignment is through personal contacts with national functionaries.

This office is in agreement with the informant concerning the necessity of a trip to New York. This office feels that definite progress has been made to place the informant at a high level in the Party. However, it is recognized that even though WEINER is committed to place the informant on a national assignment, it is possible that additional delays will occur. This opinion in part is based on statements appearing in the recent WEINER letter to the effect that the Party is now in the process of coordinating activities and setting up both an open and an underground Party. In addition the informant has advised that even though WEINER has an assignment in mind for the informant, any such assignment must still be approved by people in the real control of the Party who are more than likely now underground, according to the informant.

The necessity for allowing WILLIAM WEINER to make such contacts as referred to in his letter without the interference of fixers is therefore obvious and the Bureau by Chicago airtel of April 20th last was requested to take such action as was necessary so that WILLIAM WEINER for the time being could be allowed to make contacts without fixers of INS or of the Bureau. It is believed that by continued patience and careful handling of this informant, he has unusual potential because of his background, his reputation among Party officials, his national connections and his intelligence.

The informant's mental attitude toward assisting the Bureau continues to be excellent and he constantly states that it is his sole desire now to secure a national assignment at the earliest possible date.

The informant is continuing to fully cooperate in furnishing current and past information concerning the Party's activities and the individuals involved and continues to have contacts with key Party people in the Chicago area.

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The matter of setting up an employment cover for tax purposes when and if it is decided that CG-5824-S will be employed by the firm of CG-694-S will be covered in a separate letter to the Bureau.

On April 24, 1953, Chicago was advised by INS, Chicago, that the Chicago Office had been requested by INS, of Washington, to discontinue the current denaturalization investigation then being conducted by INS on CG-5824-S. During the same conversation, INS, Chicago, advised that investigation is presently being started on [redacted] CG-5824-S, in an effort to determine whether or not she is a non-citizen, or subject to denaturalization if she is presently a citizen. A separate letter setting forth proposals of this office to handle the INS investigation on [redacted] has been submitted by this office. b7D

The only personal matter of concern to the informant at the present date is whether or not there is a possibility that the Bureau through liaison might arrange for the employment of the informant's son during the summer months at the [redacted] Maryland. The circumstances surrounding this request were set out in Chicago letter to the Bureau on March 27, 1953, and the Bureau was requested to advise Chicago and Miami as to how the Bureau desired this matter handled. It is again pointed out that the informant is presently trying to rectify certain sins he personally has committed against this government through past Party activities and in conversations with the informant he, CG-5824-S, has indicated that he desires his son to have the opportunity to prove his Americanism and to live a normal life. The informant has implied that should his son fail to be accepted for government employment due solely to the activities of his father, the informant will feel badly about it because the son is just beginning his adulthood and has not had association with his father since he was a small child. b6 b7C

Two copies of this letter are being directed to New York for information purposes for the files of NY-694-S and CG-5824-S since some of the information set out herein was obtained during personal contacts by the Chicago Office with NY-694-S and for the further reason that CG-5824-S may be in New York in the near future.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL APRIL TWENTY, LAST AND PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS. AUTHORITY GRANTED SEND INFORMANT TO NEW YORK FOR APPROXIMATE TEN-DAY TO TWO-WEEK VISIT, IN ORDER TO CONTACT HIGH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS AND OBTAIN ASSIGNMENT. INFORMANT'S NECESSARY EXPENSES WHICH MAY BE INCURRED OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED SEVENTYTHREE DOLLARS AND FIFTYSIX CENTS ARE AUTHORIZED. FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OF BOTH OFFICES, INS INVESTIGATION OF WEINER HAS BEEN SUSPENDED AND NO FURTHER ACTION WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT CHECKING WITH BUREAU. DO NOT ADVISE INFORMANT OR INFORMANT'S BROTHER OF STATUS WEINER INVESTIGATION, BUT HE SHOULD BE CAUTIONED TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH WEINER IN DISCREET MANNER. BUREAU AGREES WITH BOTH OFFICES THAT INFORMANT SHOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MIDDLE-OF-ROAD ASSIGNMENT SO THAT HE CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION ON BOTH OPEN AND UNDERGROUND PARTY. INFORMANT SHOULD INDICATE TO PARTY LEADERS HIS AVAILABILITY AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH IT MAY BE TO THE BUREAU'S ADVANTAGE FOR INFORMANT NOT TO CONSIDER A POSITION CONFINING HIM TO NEW YORK CITY. IF HE CAN OBTAIN POSITION AS CONSULTANT, ADVISOR, ETC., SUCH WORK MAY BE TRANSACTED BY HIM IN CHICAGO AND THEREBY NOT CONFINED HIM TO NEW YORK CITY WHERE HE COULD BE ISOLATED INTO ONE PARTICULAR SEGMENT OF PARTY WORK. IF INFORMANT FEELS HE COULD BEST SERVE BUREAU BY MOVING TO NEW YORK AND ACCEPTING

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POSITION, SUCH ACTION SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE CONSIDERED AS INFORMANT IS IN GOOD POSITION TO JUDGE THE BEST SOURCES OF INFORMATION. SEVERAL HIGH POSITIONS IN NATIONAL PARTY ARE NOW OPEN DUE TO INCARCERATION OR IMMINENT CONFINEMENT OF PARTY LEADERS AND INFORMANT COULD SUGGEST ASSIGNMENT TO ONE OF THESE POSITIONS ON TEMPORARY BASIS. THESE POSITIONS ARE EDITORSHIP OF QUOTE POLITICAL AFFAIRS UNQUOTE, GENERAL SECRETARY, NATIONAL SECRETARY, ETC. WHEN INFORMANT STATES HIS PREFERENCES FOR PARTY WORK, HE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHAT JOB OR JOBS THEY WILL ASSIGN TO HIM AND TRY TO WITHHOLD HIS DECISION UNTIL HE HAS HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE ASSIGNMENT WITH CONTACT AGENTS, WHO SHOULD, OF COURSE, IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE BUREAU AND REQUEST ADVICE IF NEEDED. IN THE EVENT INFORMANT MUST ACCEPT ASSIGNMENT ON THE SPOT, HE SHOULD, OF COURSE, DO SO IF IT IS A DESIRABLE POSITION. BOTH OFFICES SHOULD CONTINUE CAREFUL HANDLING OF INFORMANT AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

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DATE:

4-30-53

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] wa.
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Rebulet dated 3-24-53 granting authority to interview [REDACTED]

On March 31, 1953, SA JULIAN R. WALTERS and SA JOHN E. KEATING observed the subject drive to the area near his residence at [REDACTED] Chicago. As [REDACTED] emerged from his automobile, he was approached by the agents, who identified themselves, and told [REDACTED] that they desired to discuss a confidential item of mutual interest with him. [REDACTED] greeted the agents in a friendly manner and since he was returning home with recently purchased packages, invited the agents to accompany him into his apartment.

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The agents opened the discussion with a few statements concerning the jurisdiction of the FBI in the criminal and security fields. Following this, the agents spent several minutes talking about the problems of the Negro people in the United States and the efforts of the Communist Party to recruit Negroes by advocating F.E.P.C., abolition of JIM CROW, the pool tax and lynching. It was further pointed out to [REDACTED] that the Communist Party, while propagandizing for these "partial demands," necessarily had to promote the world-wide aim of the Communist Party for world revolution lead by Russia and whenever the promotion of "partial demands" conflicted with the overall strategy of Russian and world Communism, the Communist Party forgot about "partial demands" and the desires of the Negro people for improvements in living conditions.

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The agents also briefly discussed the Communist Party's activities in the [REDACTED] field and complimented [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] and at the same time explained to him that the FBI does not investigate unions, but does investigate Communists who infiltrate unions.

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[REDACTED] was told that the FBI knew that he had been a member of the Communist Party and that his cooperation was being solicited and that he was being asked to furnish any information in his possession concerning the activities of the Communist Party.

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CC- Chicago files

100-17813 (ETHEL MORRIS)
100-17314 (RALPH DE CUIR)
61-867 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
100-18001 (FRED FINE)
100-3952 (GIL GREEN)
100-11100 (HILLIARD ELLIS)
100-11092 [REDACTED]
100-18685 (CHARLES WILSON)
[REDACTED]
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100-2749 (MOLLIE WEST)

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[] immediately admitted that he had been a member of the Communist Party. He stated that he had joined the Communist Party about 1937 or 1938, was a member of the 2nd Ward Club of the Communist Party in Chicago and had quit the Communist Party at the start of World War II or about 1942. He stated that he last paid dues to the Communist Party in 1942. [] stated that he was residing at [] Chicago, at the time he became a member of the Communist Party.

As for his reason for entering the Communist Party, [] stated that he believed that this organization was doing a lot to improve the working and living conditions of the people of his race. He stated that he never enters any organization without trying to find out as much about it as he possibly can, for this reason he read all the literature on Marxism which was made available to him. [] further advised that he read some of LENIN's books as much as three times, especially one concerning Communism and religion. [] then advised that his family is very religious, that his brother is treasurer of a church in Chicago, and that he and his father have always been religious to the extent of going to church every Sunday. [] then stated that his reading of Communist literature brought him to the conclusion that to be a good Communist, you must also be an atheist and, since he believes in a supreme being, he drifted away from the Communist Party.

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This interview began at 5:00 PM and at 5:25 PM, [] stated that his wife, who he married in December, 1952, would be home soon. Asked if she were aware of his past membership in the Communist Party, he said that she was not and that she was violently anti-Communist. The agents told [] that they did not wish to cause any marital trouble between him and his wife. For this reason, the interview was terminated at this point. [] had previously indicated that he was not working due to an injury to his back sustained on his job.

[] appeared very friendly and readily admitted past membership in the Communist Party. He requested that due to his wife's imminent return that he be recontacted the following day to resume the discussions.

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On the second contact, [redacted] again greeted the agents in a friendly manner. Since it was the opening day of the baseball season, the agents mentioned this and discovered that [redacted] is an ardent baseball fan, as well as a fisherman and hunter. Some time was spent in discussing these sports before the matters of the previous day were entered into.

[redacted] stated that he had been recruited into the Communist Party by WILLIE KENNEDY, who was then Chairman of the 2nd Ward Club of the Communist Party. He stated that KENNEDY died in 1946. [redacted] stated that KENNEDY was succeeded as Chairman of the 2nd Ward Club by HENRY COLE, who is also deceased, and that COLE was followed by ETHEL MORRIS, who at that time was living on Bowen Avenue in Chicago. [redacted] stated that in his opinion MORRIS is a well-developed Marxist and about 1938 or 1939 was sent to New York by the Communist Party, with all expenses paid, to attend a two-week Communist Party school. He further stated that MORRIS' husband, whose first name he could not recall, was opposed to her Communist Party activities, and this eventually led to a termination of their marriage. He further advised that RALPH DE CUIR, also a member of the 2nd Ward Club of the Communist Party, became the "common law" husband of ETHEL MORRIS. [redacted] further stated that the Communist Party had selected him, about 1940, to attend a two-weeks school in New York with all expenses paid but that he did not attend this school.

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[redacted] stated that there were about 25 members in the 2nd Ward Club while he was a member but that he could not recall any other names with the exception of LEROY NEALY, who died in 1947 or 1948, and CHESTER BAXTER, a Negro preacher who died in 1940.

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Concerning Communist Party schools, [redacted] stated that he had attended the Workers School in Chicago during the time he was a member of the 2nd Ward Club. He stated that he had studied Marxism and Leninism while in attendance at this school and that CG 5824-S and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had been instructors at this school. It is noted that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT succeeded GIL GREEN as Chairman of District 8 of the Communist Party after GREEN's conviction as one of the 11 Communist Party leaders in New York and is presently operating underground in the Chicago area.

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RE [REDACTED]

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Concerning LIGHTFOOT, [REDACTED] stated that he is a personal friend of LIGHTFOOT and that he knew LIGHTFOOT and his family prior to the time that LIGHTFOOT entered the Communist Party. He stated that he did not know, however, how LIGHTFOOT got started in the Communist Party. [REDACTED] advised that he is well acquainted with LIGHTFOOT's mother, who he believed is still living in the Chicago area. [REDACTED] stated that she is a religious woman, but that to his knowledge, CLAUDE never did attend any church.

[REDACTED] stated that he had heard that LIGHTFOOT had gone to Russia at one time for Communist Party schooling, but that he did not know this to be a fact on his own knowledge and that CLAUDE had never discussed it with him.

[REDACTED] stated that LIGHTFOOT had visited him frequently in his residence after he quit the Communist Party and after he moved to [REDACTED] in 1942. [REDACTED] stated that LIGHTFOOT, on several occasions, had attempted to get him to re-enter the Communist Party, telling him that the Communist Party needed him. [REDACTED] stated that he had friendly discussions with LIGHTFOOT on the subject of Communism, but did not re-enter the Communist Party.

[REDACTED] stated that he had last seen LIGHTFOOT about 1946 or 1947 but that he had been told that LIGHTFOOT had visited his old residence at [REDACTED] to see him subsequent to the time he moved from there, which was June, 1951. [REDACTED] stated that he had not told anyone about where he was moving to, although his name is listed in the phone book.

It is to be noted that [REDACTED] of known reliability, has advised that he attempted to re-register [REDACTED] in the Communist Party about 1952 but had learned that [REDACTED] moved and would not tell other Communist Party members his new residence.

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Continuing with the 2nd Ward Club of the Communist Party, [REDACTED] stated that RAY HANSBOROUGH, now deceased, FRED FINE, and GIL GREEN had appeared before meetings of this club as instructors in fundamental principles of Communism, the work to be performed by the club, etc. He stated that he could not remember anyone ever advocating that the government of the United States should be overthrown by force and violence but that it was recommended that

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the writings of MARK and LENIN should be read and that he came to the conclusion that this was the aim of the Communist Party from reading these books. [REDACTED] stated that at one time he had a considerable amount of Communist Party literature but that he had disposed of all of it. He also stated that the Communist Party had told him to take a party name, but that he had always used his own name. He further stated that Communist Party meetings were never held in his house.

[REDACTED] maintained, as he did on the first interview, that he had quit the Communist Party in 1942.

Again re-emphasizing the Bureau's position with regard to unions, [REDACTED] was asked if he had read recently that HILLIARD ELLIS, UAW-CIO official had stated that he resigned from the Communist Party. [REDACTED] stated that he had not read this, but recalled that about 1938 or 1939 HILLIARD ELLIS had told him that he was a member of the Communist Party at that time. [REDACTED] was asked if he knew any Communists or persons he suspected of being Communists who were active in the UAW-CIO.

[REDACTED] stated that only one person in UAW had ever attempted to get him to rejoin the Communist Party and that was CARL LIEBER, who worked at the same plant he works in and who was killed in action in World War II. [REDACTED] stated that he is presently a [REDACTED] and that this local had split with Local [REDACTED] because of the Communist influence in [REDACTED] and that to his knowledge there were no Communist Party members in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated at this time that he is very interested in his union work, attends every meeting of the union, and tries to learn as much about it as possible, as he did with the Communist Party while he was a member of it.

Concerning the members of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that he believed that [REDACTED] was a Communist Party member since he had refused to sign a Taft-Hartley affidavit. Concerning CHARLES WILSON, he stated that he did not know whether or not WILSON was a Communist Party member, but noted that at national conventions and other combined meetings of the UAW, WILSON was usually in the company of HILLIARD ELLIS.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: [REDACTED]

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Concerning SWEN ANDERSON, [REDACTED] stated that he knew ANDERSON as Educational Director of [REDACTED] UAW, and that ANDERSON had resigned his position in the UAW, when the time came for him to sign a Taft-Hartley affidavit. [REDACTED] stated, however, that he does not know of his own knowledge that ANDERSON is a Communist Party member and that ANDERSON had never said anything to him about the Communist Party. He further advised that ANDERSON was formerly very talkative, but that at union meetings of late he has noticed that ANDERSON was very quiet. Because of the nature of the information furnished by [REDACTED] Supra, [REDACTED] was not questioned more closely on this subject at this time.

[REDACTED] readily admitted that he had been a very faithful reader of the "Daily Worker" and read it every day until 1948 or 1949 when he last subscribed to it. He stated that he had maintained his "Daily Worker" subscription even though he did not remain in the Communist Party.

[REDACTED] was asked if he had ever attended any meetings at either Forum Hall or Vilnis Hall. It is noted that he has been reliable reported as in attendance at a meeting of the CARL LIEBER section of the Communist Party at Vilnis Hall in 1950 and at a special meeting of functionaries of the Communist Party at Forum Hall on March 30, 1951. [REDACTED] immediately replied that he had been in attendance at meetings at both places. Asked when these meetings took place and what type of meetings they were, [REDACTED] stated that he understood that the meetings were sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress since he had received notices of the meetings from the Civil Rights Congress. He stated that he had never been a member of the Civil Rights Congress but that they apparently knew his address while he resided at [REDACTED] Chicago. He stated that he believed that the meetings he attended occurred sometime during 1946 through 1948 or at least five years ago. He further stated that he recalled that GIL GREEN and MOLLIE WEST had spoken at one of these meetings, but, upon questioning, stated that he did not know LEON KATZEN and could not recall that any person by that name spoke at any of the meetings he attended. [REDACTED] stated that he had attended these meetings because the subjects advertised for discussion were topics in which he had an interest.

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RE: [REDACTED]

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During the course of the interview, the following background information was obtained from [REDACTED]

Born
Place
Former residences

October 26, 1898
Montgomery, Alabama
Came to Chicago 1928
[REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois (1928-1942)

Employments

[REDACTED]
1928-1930[REDACTED]
1930-1932[REDACTED]
1932-1940[REDACTED]
About one month about 1930[REDACTED]
1940 to present

Arrests

[REDACTED] advised that he was arrested in 1932 for being on a picket line when he was employed by the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that it was alleged that this strike was Communist dominated but that he was not a member of the Communist Party at that time.

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RE: [REDACTED]

EVALUATION:

[REDACTED] appears to be of at least average intelligence and is a strong trade unionist. There was no hesitancy on his part concerning admission of past membership in the Communist Party. At no time did he give the impression of evading any questions or of falsely answering any questions. He steadfastly maintained that he has not been a Communist Party member since 1942 and, in fact, stated that if he has been registered as a Communist Party member subsequent to that time, it was without his consent or knowledge.

At this time, it is not possible to reconcile the information furnished by [REDACTED] with the information furnished by informants concerning his Communist Party activities. It is felt, however, that [REDACTED] has exhibited a degree of cooperativeness and has exhibited a very friendly attitude toward the agents.

For these reasons, UACB [REDACTED] will be recontacted within four weeks, in an effort to obtain information concerning his recent activities and additional background information. No recommendation is being made with regard to his SI card at this time and a report suitable for dissemination will be submitted subsequent to the next interview.

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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE BUAIRTEL APRIL TWENTYSEVEN LAST, AUTHORIZING INFORMANTS TRIP TO NEW YORK. INFORMANT DEPARTING FOR NEW YORK VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES, SIX P.M., C.D.S.T., MAY FIVE NEXT; TO ARRIVE AT NEW YORK NINE FIFTYFIVE P.M. NEW YORK D.S.T. INFORMANT EXPECTS TO BE IN NEW YORK TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS AND WILL ATTEMPT CONTACT WITH WILLIAM WEINER, BETTY GANNETT, WILLIAM E. POSTER, MARCEL AND LENA SCHUBER AND OTHERS. INFORMANT HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED ALONG LINES SET OUT IN REBUAIRTEL AND WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH AGENT HANDLING NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. NEW YORK ADVISE NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S OF INFORMANT'S ARRIVAL TIME.

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1- 134-91 (NY 694-S)
1- 134-CG-5824-S

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Memo. SAC.

Re. Cg 5824-S (124-46)
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On 4/13/53 Cg 5824-S orally advised the
Writer that Charles Mitchell had told
him he had stored some of important
Party Papers ~~at the house~~ in a Garage
at the residence of Ralph De Cuir
601-E 43rd Street.

A separate Memo is being directed
to the Mitchell and De Cuir files

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: 5-4-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CH 5824-S (134-46)

On 5/1/53 the writer paid the above informant the Sum of \$673.56 for services rendered in the amount of \$400. during the period of 4-16-53 thru 4-30-53 and 273.56 as an advance for expenses contemplated during a 10 day to two week trip to NY beginning 5-5-53. Payment made at Chatham Hotel and receipts obtained.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

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Chicago, Illinois
May 5, 1953

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DIRECTOR FBI AND SAC NEW YORK
CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL MAY ONE LAST.
INFORMANT DEPARTING FOR NY THIS DATE. INFORMANT HAS BEEN ILL
FOR SEVERAL DAYS BUT INSISTED ON MAKING TRIP. HE HAS BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO REST A DAY OR TWO AFTER ARRIVAL BEFORE BEGINNING
CONTACTS. NY ADVISE NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S.

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Approved: 

KW 
Special Agent in Charge

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK

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CG 5824-S. WILLIAM WIENER HAS HAD SEVERE HEART ATTACK REQUIRING OXYGEN TO BE ADMINISTERED. CG 5824-S SPOKE TO WIENER'S NEPHEW, MILTON, AND TO WIENER'S WIFE WHO INDICATED WIENER MAY BE WELL ENOUGH TO BE TAKEN TO A DOCTOR IN MANHATTAN ON FRIDAY 5/8/53 REGARDING HEART CONDITION AND GALL BLADDER COMPLICATIONS. WIENER'S WIFE STATED CG 5824-S POSSIBLY MAY BE PERMITTED TO SEE WIENER IMMEDIATELY AFTER LATTER'S VISIT TO DOCTOR. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION INFORMANT'S PLANS ARE INDEFINITE AT THIS MOMENT. HE WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH MRS. WIENER BETWEEN NOW AND FRIDAY AND THEN WILL CONSIDER PLAN OF PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO CONTACT WIENER ON FRIDAY. BUREAU AND CHICAGO WILL BE ^{CURRENTLY} ~~KINDLY~~ ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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CG 5824-S. INFORMANT HAS DISCUSSED REACTIVATION WITH WILNER WHO IS PRESENTLY IN MI SINCE HE FEELS AND WILL BE THERE AT LEAST FOR A WEEK FOR CHECK UP. LATTER IS IN CONSIDERABLE PAIN, AND DISCUSSION WITH HIM IS DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF CONDITION AND SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. CG 5824-S 1. TO SEE BETTY GANNETT AND WILLIAM Z. FOSTER WITHIN A FEW DAYS REGARDING INSTANT MATTER. FOSTER ALSO REPORTEDLY IS IN POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION. WILNER ADVISED INFORMANT ULTIMATE DECISION WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT WILL BE MADE BY UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP WITH CONCURRENT OF FOSTER AND GANNETT. NO DISAGREEMENT ANTICIPATED WITH RESPECT TO GENERAL NATURE OF ASSIGNMENT. AT TIME OF INS SURVEILLANCE OF WILNER, LATTER WAS TO HAVE CONFERRED REGARDING INSTANT MATTER WITH TOP UNDERGROUND LEADER WHO REPORT ONLY IS AVAILABLE ONLY ONCE IN EVERY TWO MONTHS. SURVEILLANCE PREVENTED WILNER CONTACT WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL. WILNER'S CONDITION BELIEVED TO HAVE SOME AGGRAVATED AS RESULT OF SAID SURVEILLANCE. INFORMANT EXPECTS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP REGARDING

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POSTER, GANNETT OR POSSIBLY WISNER. BELIEVES ULTIMATE DECISION CONCERNING SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER INFORMANT RETURNS TO CHICAGO. NY WILL ADVISE BUREAU AND CHICAGO OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

May 14, 1953

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SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

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Recurlet dated April 29, 1953, summarizing the reactivation efforts of CG-5824-S through April 21, last. In conformance with Bureau instructions, the following summary of informant's activities during the period April 22 through May 5 is submitted.

Informant advised on April 27, last that he had contact April 22, last with CHARLES MITCHELL, Communist Party trade union leader in Chicago. MITCHELL advised that he was departing for California on that date in an effort to recover from a recent illness. He said he would endeavor to contact "BUD BLAIR," a CP functionary in Los Angeles who was formerly in Chicago. BLAIR, according to information available to this office, is presently underground. He also discussed the work of certain Communist trade union leaders in the Farm Equipment Workers Union, certain aspects of the "Negro Question," and furnished informant with a current issue of the District #8 "Party Forum." The informant told MITCHELL to give his regards to trade union people on the West Coast whom he might see.

On April 26, 1953 the informant was consulted by PHIL KOSSOFF, Professional Section Party Organizer in Chicago, who sought informant's advice on the current CP "United Front" program and specifically asked him for W. Z. FOSTER'S views on the current "United Front" program. He told the informant about the activities of his section and of the lack of Party leadership in District #8 which was causing dissatisfaction among the rank and file. He complained about the "lack of avenues for discussion of problems with leadership." This is the second contact by KOSSOFF with informant.

From April 24 through April 26, last, informant had SUE COHEN, former District #8 Office Employee, stay at his residence following receipt of a request from MILTON COHEN, her husband, to allow her to stay there for a rest.

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CC: (1) New York (134-CG-5824-S) (Info.)

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SUE GOHEN, until her recent illness, was a leader in the Hyde Park Section of the Party and during her visit, informant was briefed on the status of her Section and on factionalism in the District leadership.

In response to the numerous letters which informant writes to LENA and MARCEL SCHERER, Prominent New York Communists, in which informant sets forth views on Party matters and raises questions on leadership, the informant has been able to obtain the following information during the past two weeks.

Informant was advised that LENA SCHERER had been asked 8 months ago to accept a position on the "Cadre Commission" which "could not function without her," however she is still waiting to be asked to assume responsibilities.

Informant was furnished with sufficient information to allow New York to identify the author of the current publication of the Party on the "Negro Question" which information if developed will identify the current Chairman of the National CP Education Commission.

The informant was also advised that the "white chauvinism" charges against HARRY HAYWOOD'S wife has not yet been resolved. He was also told that HAYWOOD'S recent articles on the "Negro Question" have been favorably received and he is now sitting in on "important meetings."

A letter of April 25, last from LENA SCHERER told of the third trip MARCEL SCHERER has made to Washington within the last four months. The reason for the last trip was given as being that a "representative came from far away" and she and her husband had received invitations to a reception. Informant believes that SCHERER again had contact with the Russian, Hungarian, Roumanian or Bulgarian Embassies. LENA SCHERER stated "it is important to know these people and acquaint them with political problems."

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Information was also received from the SCHERERS concerning WILLIAM WINSTONE and AL LANNON, Smith Act subjects.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE, according to SCHERER, is currently engaged in Party cultural work.

In addition to the above, the following literature was furnished to informant by the SCHERERS:

1. Volume 1, No. 1 and 2 and Supplements of "Party Voice" issued by the New York State CP.
2. "Negro Affairs Quarterly" Spring, 1953 issued by the National Negro Commission, CP - USA.
3. "Our Party" - National Discussion Bulletin issued by CP - USA.

The above documents are "inner party" documents and of course are evidentiary in nature.

A considerable part of informant's time during the past two weeks has been given to lay a cover for his trip to New York. In so doing information that informant was going to New York to explore possibilities of employment in the Chicago area with the firm of NY-694-S was conveyed to HARRY I. MILLER, Party courier between Chicago and New York and associate of LEON KATZEN, CP, District #8, Financial Secretary, now underground; PHIL KOSOFF; CHARLES MITCHELL; SUE COHEN, and SAM HAMMERSMARK of the Modern Book Store, Party literature outlet.

Arrangements had been previously made with NY-694-S for him to advise New York Communist contacts of the purpose of CG-5824-S's trip and when informant expected to be in New York.

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On May 5, last informant departed by plane for New York in an effort to make personal contact with Key National Functionaries of the Party and to secure an assignment, if possible. Informant advised that he intended to attempt contact with WILLIAM WEINER on arrival in New York City as he had in November, 1952 when he was in New York. Since WEINER in his letter received by informant on April 18, last, stated he wanted to see informant and have informant state "assignment preferences," the informant believes he should first contact WEINER on his arrival in New York. The informant stated that all subsequent contacts, that is, the contacts WEINER wants him to make, will be arranged by WEINER. The informant feels that WEINER will want him to see WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and FETTY GANNETT, among others. He advised that while WEINER is his main connection with the National Office of the Party, any assignment must be confirmed by people in the leadership of the underground. It is possible, therefore, if a decision is reached to give informant a definite assignment, he will meet with people in the underground for final assignment approval and possible briefing.

Other persons with whom the informant hopes to make contact are as follows: WILLIAM LAWRENCE, Party Cultural Leader in New York; HARRY HAYWOOD, Member of National Negro Commission; MARTIN YOUNG, former Member of the National Committee of the Party, and MARCEL and LENA SCHERER, prominent New York Communists. The informant expects to be in New York ten days to two weeks.

Future Reactivation Plans

As instructed by the Bureau, the informant, prior to his departure for New York, was instructed to state his preference for work as being for "cadre" work and "political" work.

In a discussion with him on May 1, last the informant said he was going to New York realizing that the goal he was seeking was difficult and there is no guarantee for success

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because he has no control over the thinking of the Party leaders. He said that as of now he feels he has "one foot inside" and the "political climate" in the Party is in his favor, but he emphasized that he has nothing definite to date. He is of the opinion that the Party will not ask him to leave the Midwest, but if he is asked to go anywhere it will be to New York. He stated that if he is sent to New York, regardless of the work to which he would be assigned he will not be "isolated."

He concluded by stating that the only thing he can do is make contact with the National Leaders to find out what is in their minds. He added that if assignments were offered he was quite certain that he would have time to think about them and he is also quite certain that the Party is taking his illness into consideration in any choice of assignment.

The informant advised that he would stay only as long as necessary in New York and devote all his energy to seeking assignment.

In connection with assignment, informant was told of the Bureau preferences and to keep in contact with the New York Office if assignment was offered. It is the opinion of the office that informant will use his intelligence and knowledge of the Party to seek the best possible assignment insofar as Bureau interests are concerned.

He has constantly stated that in order for him to function to the best of his ability and until definite commitments for assignment are made, WILLIAM WINER is necessary for him to use to get to leadership.

A separate letter is being directed to the Bureau concerning the importance of MARCEL and LENA SCHERER in informant's reactivation efforts; his receipt of current National Party information through the SCHERERS, and stressing the desirability of deferring possible arrest of these people by INS.

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On May 6, 1953, [] telephonically advised that informant had arrived in New York and had made contact with MILTON HULLER, son-in-law of WILLIAM WEINER, who told informant that WEINER was ill, presumably in a hospital and that they were giving him oxygen. No other information is available in Chicago at this time as to the success of his New York trip to date. b7D

Attitude and Health

The informant's mental attitude, insofar as his desire to help the Bureau is concerned, continues to be good.

He however has frequently indicated that in his opinion, hasty arrests of individuals with key information on the Communist apparatus are not aiding the overall fight against Communism that he has set out as his goal in helping the Bureau. He said that this procedure by the Government disturbs him because he believes the Government, by being impatient, is losing much valuable future help and information.

The specific cases which he has repeatedly referred to are those of EARL BROWDER and MAX YOUNG, the latter a Comintern Representative in the United States, recently arrested by INS in New York. With respect to the BROWDER Case, informant feels that BROWDER would have eventually talked to the FBI and informant knows that BROWDER'S information is not available from any other source. He expressed the opinion that BROWDER'S arrest, immediately after his open published statements against Russia, played into the hands of the Communists and gained the Government nothing in the overall fight against Communism. Informant feels that BROWDER, due to his arrest and particularly to the arrest of his wife, may now decide never to speak to the Bureau because he is an individual who cannot be intimidated. He also feels

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that the CP will use BROWDER'S arrest as an example of what happens to Communists who break from the CP and that this propaganda will influence many present CP members not to talk to the Government because they like BROWDER, may be prosecuted.

The informant has a similar feeling in the case of MAX YOUNG, Comintern Representative with GERHARD FISLER, recently arrested by INS. Informant knows this individual will be liquidated if he returns to Russia or a Satellite Nation and feels that in YOUNG'S case the Russians may agree to accept his return because he knows too much. Informant had furnished extensive information concerning YOUNG and believed that his activities were such that he had information of greater importance than ELIZABETH BENTLEY. He knew that YOUNG believed he would be liquidated if deported and felt that YOUNG eventually could have been persuaded to talk. In this case again the informant believes the Government has taken the narrow approach of deportation as against the possibility of an overall fight against Russian Communism which both YOUNG and BROWDER may have eventually assisted in.

These arrests have bothered informant because he agreed originally to assist the Bureau in fight against Soviet Communism and the people behind this movement in the United States. He has stated that he does not feel that the narrow approach of arrest of individuals such as BROWDER and YOUNG by the Government in any way assisted in this fight and he believes that the Government in fact played into the hands of the American CP.

While expressing the above views, informant has stressed that he realizes he is not in a position to make policy and that he is making these statements in a vein of criticism, but instead is doing it for constructive reasons. He said

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on May 1, last that he is beginning to look at these arrests philosophically with the feeling that the Government knows what it is doing.

On May 1, last during interview a blood vessel broke in informant's eye and his general health which was improving slowly up to this time appeared to have slipped. He told the Agent that he believed his physical condition has gone downward of late due to tension and his failure to get a Party assignment more quickly. He said, however, that he felt that he should not postpone his New York trip for reasons of health because he felt he could relieve tension if he found out first hand what the Party had in mind. He repeated his desire to visit New York on May 4, last despite the fact that he said his physical condition was not good. He was told to use his judgment on whether the trip should be made on May 5 and in the event he decided to go, he should rest in New York a day or two in order to lay his cover and also improve his physical condition.

New York is being furnished with a copy of this letter for information.

The Bureau will be advised of all developments.

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FBI, CHICAGO

MAY 15, 1953

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665) (AIR MAIL - REGISTERED)
SAC, NEW YORK (AIR MAIL - REGISTERED)

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE N.Y. TEL, MAY THIRTEEN,
LAST, CONCERNING RETURN TO U.S. OF JOE STAROBIN AND REQUEST-
ING BUREAU'S DESIRED FOR AN INFORMANT CONTACT. FOR FURTHER
INFO OF BUREAU, CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S, CONTACTED

ON MAY FOURTEEN, LAST b7D
ON SAME SUBJECT MATTER AND EMPHASIZED THE VALUE OF THE INFORMA-
TION THAT STAROBIN HAS IN HIS POSSESSION DUE TO LENGTHY STAY
IN EUROPE AND CHINA. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT STAROBIN HAS HAD A
LARGE NUMBER OF CONTACTS WITH LEADERS OF COMMUNIST PARTIES
AND POSSIBLY WITH RUSSIAN LEADERS IN CONNECTION WITH HIS WORK.
HE EMPHASIZED THAT STAROBIN MAY HAVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON
THE STATUS OF THE CP, USA, WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM FOREIGN
COMMUNIST SOURCES. STAROBIN, ACCORDING TO INFORMANT, IS NOT
IN AGREEMENT WITH PRESENT POLICIES OF CP, USA LEADERSHIP AND
MAY HAVE USED HIS INFLUENCE ABROAD TO INFORM CONTACTS OF CONDI-
TIONS IN THE AMERICAN CP. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT THERE IS A GOOD
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POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AND STRESSED THAT HE CONSIDERS THIS CONTACT TO BE OF POSSIBLE GREAT IMPORTANCE. FOR INFO OF BUREAU AND NEW YORK, INFORMANT ADVISED [REDACTED]

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THAT WILLIAM WEINER BELIEVES HE WILL LEAVE HOSPITAL THIS WEEK END AND HAS REQUESTED INFORMANT TO REMAIN IN N.Y. SO THAT THEY CAN TALK PRIVATELY FOLLOWING WEINER'S RELEASE FROM HOSPITAL. INFORMANT HAS NOT YET SEEN WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, BUT BELIEVES THAT HE WILL SEE FOSTER ONCE WEINER IS IN A POSITION TO CLEAR THE WAY. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT HIS HEALTH IS NOT GOOD. ON THE BASIS OF CHICAGO'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE INFORMANT'S GENERAL HEALTH, IT IS BELIEVED THAT EXTENDED STAY OF INFORMANT MIGHT SERIOUSLY IMPAIR FUTURE SERVICES. NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO MAKE SPECIFIC INQUIRY OF NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S AS TO STATUS OF INFORMANT'S HEALTH AND SECURE HIS OPINION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TRIP SHOULD BE TERMINATED BEFORE ARRIVAL OF STAROBIN IN N.Y. NEW YORK IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE BUREAU SO THAT BUREAU MIGHT CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF TERMINATION OF TRIP IN THE INTERESTS OF

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PRESERVING INFORMANT FOR FUTURE WORK. IN THE EVENT N.Y. DETERMINES THAT INFORMANT'S HEALTH IS NOT BEING JEOPARDIZED, BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE REQUEST OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S CONCERNING STAROBIN AS SET OUT IN REFERENCED NEW YORK TEL BECAUSE OF POSSIBILITY OF SECURING INFO OF VALUE RE INTERNATIONAL CP'S AND CP, USA. NEW YORK ALSO REQUESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT INFORMANT HAS ADEQUATE FUNDS AND IN THE EVENT INFORMANT IS IN NEED OF FUNDS, N.Y. WILL MAKE REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO BUREAU FOR THE ADVANCE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

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NEW YORK, N.Y., 5/13/53

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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S. BUFILE SIXTY ONE DASH SEVEN SIX SIX FIVE. CAPTIONED INFORMANT AND NY SIX NINE FOUR-S ADVISED TODAY THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S LEARNED FROM THREE HIGHLY PLACED SOURCES IN NEW YORK THAT JOE STAROBIN, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FIVE ONE TWO EIGHT SEVEN, WAS IN LONDON, ENGLAND TODAY AND EXPECTS TO RETURN TO THE US WITHIN A WEEK TO TEN DAYS. THE THREE HIGHLY PLACED SOURCES INDICATED TO CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S THAT THEY WANT INFORMANT TO MEET WITH STAROBIN UPON HIS RETURN. ACCORDING TO CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S HE WAS FURNISHED INFO BY HIS SOURCES THAT STAROBIN'S PASSPORT HAD BEEN PICKED UP SOMEWHERE BECAUSE OF HIS VISITS TO PEKING AND BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S HAS EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF STAROBIN BEING MET BY EITHER GOVERNMENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES OR REPRESENTATIVES OR CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS MIGHT LESSEN INFORMANT'S CHANCES OF MEETING STAROBIN OR MIGHT POSSIBLY EXCLUDE AN INTERVIEW ENTIRELY. IT IS THE INFORMANT'S BELIEF THAT IF STAROBIN IS MET OR QUESTIONED THE THREE SOURCES WHO WANT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S TO MEET STAROBIN MIGHT DECIDE AGAINST IT FOR SECURITY MEASURES. THE INFORMANT FEELS THAT A MEETING WITH STAROBIN OFFERS GREAT POSSIBILITIES FOR OBTAINING WORTHWHILE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION. HE HAS REQUESTED ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE BE FURNISHED HIM IN ORDER TO

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cc:Chicago (AM)
134-91(NY694-S)
100-13480(STAROBIN)

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ASSURE HIS BEING ABLE TO CONTACT STAROBIN. THE NYO REQUESTS TO
BE ADVISED OF THE BUREAU'S DESIRES OR DECISIONS IN THE MATTER
SO THAT THE INFORMANT MAY BE PROPERLY GUIDED.

BOARDMAN

☐ SAC
☐ Mr. Roche
☐ Mr. Dennis
☐ Mrs. Dolan
☐ Miss Dunkel
☐ Mr. Frankfurt
☐ Mr. Langille
☒ Mr. McMahon
☐ Mr. Murphy
☐ Miss Ryan
☐ Mr. Schneider
☐ Miss Gray
☐ Miss Woodruff
☐ Leave Clerk
☐ Supply Clerk

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MAY 15, 1953

BUREAU - URGENT

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RMYTEL MAY THIRTEEN LAST. INFORMANT ADVISES JOSEPH STAROBIN WILL NOT COME TO NY AT THIS TIME, BUT WILL RETURN FROM LONDON TO CONTINENT. JOE CLARK, DAILY WORKER CORRESPONDENT IN MOSCOW WILL COME TO NY INSTEAD. HE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN ABOUT A WEEK. INFORMANT WILL NOT SEE HIM. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S EXPECTS TO LEAVE NY FOR CHICAGO AT FIVE PM TUESDAY, MAY NINETEEN VIA UNITED AIRLINES, FLIGHT SEVEN NAUGHT ONE, UNLESS UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE HIM TO CHANGE PLANS. HAS HAD SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW WITH BETTY GANNETT WHO WAS MOST CORDIAL AND COOPERATIVE. INFORMANT STATES SHE WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING INST. OPERATION. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S WILL CONFER WITH HER AGAIN AT LENGTH ON MONDAY, MAY EIGHTEEN. FOSTER NOT WELL AND AS YET UNAVAILABLE FOR CONTACT. INFORMANT STATES TOP UNDERGROUND INDIVIDUAL WILL CONTACT INFORMANT EITHER HERE BEFORE DEPARTURE OR LATER IN CHICAGO. WIENER EXPECTS TO LEAVE HOSPITAL ON SATURDAY, MAY SIXTEEN. INFORMANT WILL CONTACT HIM AGAIN BEFORE LEAVING NY.

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 CG- CHICAGO
 100-13480 (JOSEPH STAROBIN)
 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT)
 100-7577 (WILLIAM WIENER)

100- JOSEPH CLARKE
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IDENTITY OF UNDERGROUND CONTACT AS YET NOT DIVULGED TO
INFORMANT. DETAILS OF ABOVE INFO NOT AVAILABLE SINCE CONTACT
OF NYO WITH CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S AND NY SIX NINE FOUR
DASH S DURING PAST WEEK HAS BEEN ONLY TELEPHONED AND INF O
HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED IN MOST GUARDED MANNER ONLY REGARDING
ESSENTIAL FACTS OF OPERATION. NY WILL CONTINUE TO ADVISE
BUREAU AND CHICAGO.

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FBI, CHICAGO

MAY 20, 1953

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665) (REGISTERED)

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CG LETTER MAY FOURTEEN
LAST SUMMARIZING REACTIVATION EFFORTS OF INFORMANT THROUGH
MAY FIVE LAST. INFORMANT RETURNED TO CG ON EVENING OF MAY
NINETEEN LAST AFTER FIFTEEN DAYS STAY IN NY. NO ATTEMPT
WILL BE MADE FOR PERSONAL CONTACT WITH INFORMANT UNTIL MAY
TWENTYTWO NEXT FOR REASONS OF SECURITY. INFORMANT DURING
TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON MAY TWENTY INSTANT, DESCRIBED TRIP
AS QUOTE MOST SUCCESSFUL UNQUOTE. HE HAD TWO LONG TALKS WITH
BETTY GANNETT WHO WAS MOST FRIENDLY AND WHO SPOKE MOST CONFIDENTIALLY
ON PARTY PROBLEMS. INFORMANT WAS TOLD THAT PARTY BELIEVES
THAT HE, INFORMANT, HAS CONVINCED BUREAU THAT HE IS TOO SICK
TO BE ACTIVE AND THEREFORE BUREAU HAS LOST INTEREST IN HIM.
SHE TOLD INFORMANT THAT HE WOULD NOT BE PLACED COMPLETELY
UNDERGROUND BECAUSE HEALTH WOULD NOT PERMIT FREQUENT UNDERGROUND
MOVEMENTS NOR WOULD HE BE PLACED IN THE OPEN FOR SECURITY
REASONS. SHE INDICATED THAT INFORMANT'S ASSIGNMENT WOULD
PROBABLY BE IN QUOTE CADRE AND POLITICAL UNQUOTE WORK BUT
SAID ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF UNDERGROUND
LEADERSHIP WHO RULE PARTY QUOTE ORGANIZATIONALLY AND POLITICALLY
UNQUOTE. THEREFORE, ANY ASSIGNMENT GIVEN INFORMANT IS SUBJECT

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CG 134-46

cc: 2 - New York (REGISTERED)

(1 134-CG 5824-S) (1 134-NY694-S)

R.C. [signature]

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TO CHANGE BY UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP. SHE INDICATED WITHOUT MENTIONING NAMES, THAT INFORMANT WILL BE CONTACTED PROBABLY BY PHIL BART OR JACK KLING, BUT CAUTIONED HIM TO BE PATIENT BECAUSE AS SHE PUT IT THE PARTY HAS ALL THE PATIENCE IN THE WORLD AND CONTACT MAY BE IN A WEEK OR IN TWO MONTHS. SHE SAID THAT CONTACT WILL BE MADE ONLY WHEN SECURITY IS ASSURED. SHE WARNED INFORMANT THAT CONTACTS WITH UNDERGROUND LEADERSHIP TODAY SOMETIMES REQUIRES PLANNING FOR AS MUCH AS THREE DAYS, AND THAT INFORMANT MIGHT EXPECT TO BE PICKED UP AND POSSIBLY TAKEN TO SEVERAL PLACES BEFORE HE SAW THE UNDERGROUND LEADERS. SHE ORDERED INFORMANT TO SEE WILLIAM BENNETT, OPEN DISTRICT EIGHT PARTY LEADER, CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT OF TWO PEOPLE AND ALSO TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY WITH HIM OF THE INFORMANT PERSONALLY TRAINING SELECTED PEOPLE FOR CADRE WORK. INFORMANT SAT IN WITH FOUR OTHERS AT TWO SESSIONS TO HEAR A NATIONAL SECRETARIAT~~E~~ REPORT BY HARRY HAYWOOD CONCERNING A RECENTLY HELD MEETING OF THAT BODY. HE ALSO SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH WILLIAM WEINER BOTH AT THE HOSPITAL AND AT WEINER'S RESIDENCE. DETAILS OF TRIP WILL BE ASCERTAINED AS SOON AS SECURITY PERMITS AND BUREAU AND NEW YORK ADVISED. INFORMANT'S MORALE IS EXCELLENT AND HE FEELS THAT TRIP RESULTED IN REAL REACTIVATION PROGRESS WHICH HE DESCRIBED IN THE

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WORDS QUOTE I AM NOW IN UNQUOTE. HE STRESSED BUREAU'S GREAT RESPONSIBILITY TO AFFORD HIM MAXIMUM PROTECTION IN HANDLING OF INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED PARTICULARLY DURING COURSE OF BUREAU'S INTERVIEW PROGRAM, BECAUSE AS HE STATED HE LEARNED THAT THE PARTY HAS AN EFFICIENT SECURITY ORGANIZATION. THIS COMMUNICATION IS BEING REGARDED AS A PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD MAY SIX THROUGH MAY NINETEEN SINCE INFORMANT HAS BEEN OUT OF CITY DURING ENTIRE PERIOD AND THE RESULTS OF HIS CONTACTS CANNOT IMMEDIATELY BE OBTAINED FOR SECURITY REASONS.

WEATHERFORD

C O D E I N F U L L

FBI, CHICAGO

May 21, 1953

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)
SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)
SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-22157)

COMPROS, PHILADELPHIA, IS, C. PHILIP BART, WAS. IS, C. SMITH
ACT OF NINETEEN FORTY. RE NEW YORK TEL CHICAGO, CLEVELAND,
LOS ANGELES AND PITTSBURGH MAY TWENTY LAST, SAME CAPTION. RETEL
INDICATED INTENTION OF DEPARTMENT OF OBTAINING SEALED CP MEMBERSHIP
INDICTMENT IN PHILADELPHIA AGAINST BART DURING WEEK OF MAY TWENTY-
FIFTH NEXT AND INSTRUCTED OFFICES TO CONTACT INFORMANTS IN EFFORT
TO LOCATE SUBJECT. REFERENCE ALSO CHICAGO AIRTEL DIRECTOR AND
NEW YORK DATED MAY TWENTY NEXT, CAPTIONED CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S,
BUFILE SIXTY-ONE DASH SEVEN SIX SIX FIVE. REAIRTEL ADVISED THAT
BETTY GANNETT WITHIN PAST FEW DAYS INDICATED TO CG FIVE EIGHT TWO
FOUR S THAT HE MIGHT EXPECT CONTACT WITH UNDERGROUND LEADERS ANY
TIME BETWEEN PRESENT DATE AND NEXT TWO MONTHS. ACCORDING TO
INFORMANT GANNETT STRONGLY INDICATED THAT CONTACT MIGHT BE PHIL
BART OR JACK KLING. BUREAU ATTENTION IS CALLED TO FACT THAT
CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S EXPECTS POSITIVE ASSIGNMENT FROM UNDER-
GROUND LEADER WHO WILL CONTACT HIM. BART IS CLOSE FRIEND OF
INFORMANT AND IS LOGICAL PERSON TO CONTACT INFORMANT. IT IS BELIEF
OF THIS OFFICE THAT ANY APPREHENSION OF BART IN CHICAGO AREA

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER A CONTACT WITH CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S WOULD POSSIBLY IDENTIFY INFORMANT AND SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE HIS FUTURE USEFULNESS. IT IS ALSO BELIEVED THAT AN ARREST OF BART PRIOR TO TIME UNDERGROUND CONTACT IS MADE WITH CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S MIGHT SET BACK INFORMANT'S REACTIVATION EFFORTS MANY MONTHS. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSIDER RELATIVE VALUE OF INDICTMENT OF BART DURING WEEK OF MAY TWENTY-FIVE NEXT AS AGAINST POSSIBLE SUCCESSFUL REACTIVATION OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF LOCATING COMFUGS IN EVENT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR S SUCCEEDS IN BEING PLACED IN QUOTE CADRE UNQUOTE ASSIGNMENT POSITION AFTER CONTEMPLATED CONTACTS WITH PARTY UNDERGROUND LEADERS. ADVISE CHICAGO OF DEPARTMENT INTENTIONS SO THIS OFFICE MAY BE GUIDED ACCORDINGLY.

WEATHERFORD

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Director, FBI
Attention: Assistant Director A. H. BELMONT
SAC, New York [redacted]

MAY 21 1953

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SECURITY MATTER - C

SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM
NEW YORK DIVISION

Re New York letters to Bureau dated 7/23/52, 8/19/52, 10/13/52, 11/24/52, 12/8/52, 1/14/53 and Bureau letters 7/31/52, 10/21/52, and 12/8/52. The above correspondence concerned the New York Office's request to interview the subject under the Security Informant Program and the Bureau's authorizations.

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On 5/19/53 NY-694-S advised this office that the subject and his wife recently had made the following allegations to NY-694-S and CG-5824-S concerning contacts made by agents of this office with the owner of the building in which the [redacted] reside, and with [redacted] himself:

At a date unknown to the informant agents interviewed the owner of the building where the [redacted] reside and asked him what he knew about the subject. The owner allegedly replied that [redacted] was a good tenant, paid his rent regularly, apparently was a man of good character, was a member of a respectable New England family, and was in no way objectionable. One of the interviewing agents is alleged to have then said, "But do you know that his wife is a Jew?" The owner of the building, as soon as the agents left, reported this alleged conversation to the [redacted]

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The informant further advised that [redacted] was subsequently interviewed by Agents seeking his cooperation with the Bureau. During this interview with [redacted] the agents allegedly remarked that they were aware of the fact that [redacted] and [redacted]

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In commenting on this to CG-5824-S [redacted] stated he could not understand how the interviewing agents knew of [redacted] since only a very few people were aware of this.

REGISTERED MAIL

1 - [redacted]
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1 - [redacted]
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NY-694-S advised that both he and CG-5824-S are concerned about the above allegations inasmuch as they are two of the persons who knew of [redacted] and feel that they may be suspected of being the Bureau's source of information in this matter.

In connection with this incident, the New York files were reviewed and the following information obtained:

On 3/10/49 [redacted] of [redacted] NYC, voluntarily appeared at the NY Office and advised that [redacted] were the [redacted] at [redacted] New York City. She advised that one of the tenants residing there was [redacted] who she identified as [redacted]. [redacted] stated at that time that [redacted] would be glad to cooperate, should the FBI [redacted] to the [redacted]. She further stated that both [redacted] would be more than glad to help the FBI in any way regarding the [redacted].

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For the purpose of verifying the current residence of [redacted] who was then being considered for interview under the Security Informant Program by this office, [redacted] was interviewed on 7/16/52 by SA [redacted]. It was anticipated that [redacted] would be cooperative, in view of [redacted] to this office. [redacted] was advised that he was being contacted confidentially, to determine whether [redacted] was still a tenant in that house. [redacted] readily verified [redacted] residence there, and volunteered the further information that [redacted] usually left his apartment about 10:00 AM each day to go to his employment. [redacted] added that [redacted] was employed [redacted]. [redacted] remarked that he did not understand why [redacted] would have such employment, since he "appeared to be a nice person". As the purpose of the interview had been served, it was terminated at that point.

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SA [] has denied making any statements to [] concerning wife, and her name was never brought up.

Referenced NY letter dated 7/23/52, requested Bureau authorization to interview the subject under the Security Informant Program. Bulet, 7/31/52 authorized this interview.

On 8/14/52, [] was approached by SAS [] and []. The results of this interview were reported to the Bureau by NY letter, 8/19/52. The subject immediately upon determining that he was being contacted by SAS of the FBI, advised he had nothing to say and was unable to help the FBI in any way. The agents during this approach were only able to identify themselves and to advise [] that they desired to interview him concerning a confidential matter and were approaching him in this manner, on the street, to avoid any possible embarrassment to him. [] did not stop walking during the contact and refused to engage in any conversation with the agents. In view of the subject's completely uncooperative attitude the interview was terminated.

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Information received from CI CG-5824-S on 9/12/52, indicated that [] was up on charges of the CP, the nature of which was not disclosed. On the basis of this information the NYO by letter dated 10/13/52, requested Bureau authority to reinterview the subject. Authority was granted by Bulet, 10/21/52.

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On 11/19/52 the subject was recontacted by SA []. This interview was observed closely by SA []. [] was approached at the corner of 17th Street and Ninth Avenue, NYC. [] indicated that he remembered the agent from the previous interview, but stated that he had nothing to discuss with him. The agent then advised [] that he could not understand his uncooperative attitude inasmuch as he, [] was born in America. [] interrupted to state that he was proud to be an American. He was then asked how he could subscribe to an ideology that was entirely foreign in origin and direction. [] replied that he believed that everyone was entitled to freedom of political beliefs. The second approach to [] was terminated in a friendly manner with [] shaking hands with the interviewing agent upon departure. During the second interview no comments were made to [] in any way concerning his wife. The results of this interview were reported to the Bureau in New York letter, 11/24/52. In view of the distinct improvement in the subject's attitude during the second contact in contrast to the initial interview, the Bureau was requested to authorize a third approach to [].

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Bulet. 12/8/52, authorized the third interview with the subject. On 1/6/53, [] was recontacted by SA []. This approach was observed by SAS [] and []. The results of this interview were reported to the Bureau by NY letter, 1/14/53. Immediately upon being contacted [] stated that he did not want to talk with the agent and that he had nothing to discuss with him. [] was told that it was known that members of the CP had preferred charges against him and his wife and he was asked to consider the reward that others, including BROWDER and FRANCIS FRANKLIN, had received for years of faithful service to the Communist movement. [] advised that he did not care to discuss this matter and stated that he considered the continued recontacts to be an invasion of his rights.

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Inasmuch as it was obvious that continued conversation which [] would serve no useful purpose, the interview was courteously discontinued. No other comments were made to [] during this interview and specifically no references were made to [] except as above noted.

This last interview with [] was conducted on 1/6/53, at which time this office had no knowledge of the ill health of [] or her []. This latter information concerning her came to the attention of this office as a result of the interview with NY-694-S about 5/9/53, who reported that CG-5824-S advised him approximately two weeks ago. The impossibility of advising [] on 1/6/53, of information received approximately five months later is herewith noted.

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It is believed that the above allegation of [] has been a deliberate attempt to disseminate false information concerning the approaches made to CP members under the Security Informant Program. It is further believed that this could be a retaliatory move by the CP to negate the possible effect of the Security Informant Program on the CP membership.

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The foregoing is being furnished the Bureau for its information. No further action is contemplated by the NY division. The agents assigned to this program will continue to be extremely cautious in their statements to PSIs in the future, as they have in the past, in order to avoid any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

SAC

DATE: 5-25-53

FROM : Carl N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S (134-46)

On 5-22-53 the writer paid the informant the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered 5-1-53 through 5-15-53 at the Chatham Hotel and receipt was obtained.

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Director, FBI (100-3-69)

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SAC, New York (100-4931)

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Re Chicago letter, 4/7/53 and Chicago teletype to Bureau, 3/31/53.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised on 4/20/53 that [redacted] continues to [redacted] and he has received no indication that [redacted] is about to be discharged. The informant further advised that [redacted] is a [redacted] of the [redacted] and that he has known of no difficulty in which [redacted] has been involved during the last 18 months.

Informant had previously advised on 10/13/52 that [redacted] is a [redacted] involved in the actual [redacted] of the [redacted] for printing.

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Informant advised on 1/22/53 that ROB HALL is actually the editor of the "Worker".

It is to be noted that HALL was characterized in the "Daily Worker" of 12/25/52 as the news editor of the "Worker".

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- 1- Chicago (100-2398)(REG. MAIL)
- 1- Chicago (134-46)(PAC)(REG. MAIL)
- 1- [redacted]
- 1- NY 97-169(Publishers New Press, Inc.)
- 1- [redacted]

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

May 29, 1953

JPM SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

CG 5824-S

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Reference Chicago let March 27, 1953, requesting authority to advance informant \$175 for necessary expenses plus actual cost of air travel from Chicago to New York and return for an expected stay of 10 days to two weeks and Buairtel April 27, 1953 authorizing the trip and advance of said amounts. Reference also Chicago airtel May 20, 1953 summarizing the results of this trip.

On May 22, 1953 the informant advised that it had been necessary for him to stay in New York for a total of fifteen days in order for him to see the people who he felt he must see to hasten his reactivation. He explained that on arrival he had difficulty in arranging for contact through WILLIAM WEINER with such persons as BETTY GANNETT and WILLIAM Z. FOSBER due to the illness of WEINER. He added, however, that within a day or two he had made preliminary arrangements which allowed him to see the following individuals of prominence in the Party:

WILLIAM WEINER (almost daily)
STANLEY and ROY LEVISON (two contacts)
BETTY GANNETT (two meetings)
LEN HARRIS (designated by WEINER to make preliminary arrangements for all meetings)
MARCEL and LENA SCHERER
LEON JOSEPHSON
MARTIN YOUNG, former member of National Committee
ROMANIA FERGUSON, Assistant Manager, Camp Unity
HOWARD and ANN BOLDT
JEREMIAH INGERSOLL
WILLIAM LAWRENCE, New York, CP Cultural Director
WOOFSEY, Sr., Former District Organizer of Connecticut
HARRY HAYWOOD, Member of National Negro Commission of CP

Informant advised that, with the exception of one day, he left the residence of NY 694-S daily at 9:00 A.M.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CG 5824-S

and returned home at midnight or later. Due to health and also to complete his work in the shortest possible time, informant used cabs wherever possible. Most of his meals were eaten in restaurants and because the people contacted chose the restaurants he was required to eat at restaurants which were generally expensive.

For years informant has always been known for his humanitarianism in that he always brought presents for the children of comrades and in cases where the parents were destitute he would buy small items of clothing for the children. In order to continue this necessary practice informant gave small gifts to the children of HOWARD BOLDT, MARTIN YOUNG, WILLIAM LAWRENCE, and MILTON HELLER. It was also necessary for him in the interests of his reactivation to purchase flowers and candy for WILLIAM WEINER and ANN BOLT both of whom were in the hospital.

The informant advised that he is unable to give an itemized accounting of monies expended because he kept no records for security reasons. He said that, because of the length of his trip, the unusual circumstances that developed such as illnesses, and also because the comrades he saw were used to "luxury" eating places, the original \$175 advanced for expenses was exceeded. Informant stated that he borrowed \$50 from NY 694-S and on arrival in Chicago had less than \$2 on his person. Informant's total expenses, excluding plane fare, were approximately \$223 or an average of about \$15 per day.

On a basis of experience with this informant, it has been determined that he is extremely honest and reliable and it is believed that whatever expenditures he made on this trip were necessary and were made in the interest of the Bureau. It is also known that informant made phone calls to his wife about every other day primarily for the purpose of keeping the Chicago office advised of his progress. No part of this expenditure was included in informant's accounting of expenses. It is also known that NY 694-S gave a considerable amount of his personal time and expended money in the interests of the Bureau none of which to the knowledge of this office is ever claimed by the New York informant.

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CG 5824-S

The value of the trip to New York on a basis of the information obtained and also on a basis of advancing informant's future potential value appears to this office to have far exceeded the total expenditure incurred.

Authority is therefore requested of the Bureau to pay informant an additional \$50 to compensate him in full for the expenses incurred in this trip.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. MAY 26, 1953

Transmit the following message to: SAC, CHICAGO

URGENT
AIRTEL

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL MAY TWENTY-TWO LAST. FOR THE INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED AN INTENTION OF OBTAINING SEALED COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP INDICTMENTS AGAINST PHILADELPHIA SMITH ACT SUBJECTS, PHILIP BART, EDWARD STRONG AND DR. ALBERT BLUMBERG. DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES OBTAINING THESE SEALED INDICTMENTS AT THE SAME TIME THAT A CONSPIRACY INDICTMENT IS RETURNED AGAINST ADDITIONAL PHILADELPHIA SMITH ACT SUBJECTS. THIS ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED SOME TIME WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. BUREAU HAS GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO THE PROBLEM PRESENTED BY CHICAGO WITH RESPECT TO THE APPREHENSION OF BART AND THE RAMIFICATIONS REGARDING THE POSSIBLE CONTACT OF CG-FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S BY BART. THE BUREAU DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE POSSIBILITY THAT BART WILL CONTACT THE INFORMANT IS SUFFICIENTLY ASSURED THAT ANY REPRESENTATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT TO ELIMINATE BART FROM PROSECUTIVE CONSIDERATION. FURTHER, THE BUREAU DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE APPREHENSION OF BART WOULD NECESSARILY REACT AGAINST THE SUCCESSFUL REACTIVATION OF THE INFORMANT AND THAT THE APPREHENSION COULD PROBABLY BE ARRANGED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT CG-FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S OR ANY OTHER INFORMANT WOULD NOT BE COMPROMISED. THE PRESENT PENDING PROSECUTIVE ACTION AGAINST BART IS IN THE HANDS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BUREAU DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE TAKING ANY ACTION TO INTERFERE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANS. YOUR CONTACTS WITH CG-FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR-S SHOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY.

2 cc - New York and Philadelphia
SENT VIA _____ M

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

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JPM CG 5824 - S

Reference Buairtel March 5, 1953 and Chicago letter March 13, 1953, captioned as above, concerning the submission of income tax returns by CG 5824 - S, and his wife. Reference is also made to Chicago letter of March 27, 1953, page 5, setting forth information as to a possible cover for employment of informant with NY 694 - S's firm in order to explain income but more particularly to afford CG 5824 - S with cover for periodic trips to New York.

CG 5824 - S advised on May 22, 1953 that while he was in New York from May 5, to May 19, he had talked over the matter of employment with NY 694 - S's firm with NY 694 - S. Through the cooperation of NY 694 - S, the Chicago informant met the partner of NY 694 - S, who agreed to place CG 5824 - S on the company payroll for two or three months and possibly longer on a trial basis. The partner is unaware of the connections of CG 5824 - S and the reason for the informant's desire for employment. He agreed to place CG 5824 - S on the company payroll at \$49.25 per week and for CG 5824 - S to operate as the Business Representative of the firm in the Chicago area. The partner understands that CG 5824 - S will do little work because of his illness and while CG 5824 - S does not know the financial arrangements between the partner and NY 694 - S on the employment of CG 5824 - S, he does know that it is understood that the firm will not incur additional expense due to the employment of CG 5824 - S. The informant while in New York familiarized himself with the product and is now prepared to follow leads furnished by the firm.

CG 5824 - S advised that it is understood that when he gets pay checks he will immediately endorse them and return them to NY 694 - S and the Chicago informant will not in fact receive compensation unless he actually performs service. According to CG 5824 - S, the matter

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had been discussed with the accountant for the firm of NY 694 - S who sees no bookkeeping difficulties. It is understood that CG 5824 - S is in fact receiving no money from the firm of NY 694 - S unless he renders services and therefore the \$49.25 weekly check will be returned to NY 694 - S and reported as income by the New York informant. In order to preserve the cover, CG 5824 - S will report the \$49.25 as income in his open return. However, since it is not in fact income, but instead a paper transaction, the amount received by CG 5824 - S and openly reported by him will then be deducted from the amount received from the Bureau and income reported in the fictitious report will be adjusted in such a manner as to provide the government with the full tax liability for this informant.

Informant executed a Social Security application in his true name which was left with NY 694 - S to file with the Social Security Board. He previously had a Social Security No. which has been mislaid.

On May 27, 1953 informant advised that NY 694 - S had called him to determine whether or not the matter had been cleared by the Bureau and said that it would be necessary for him to have an almost immediate reply because the partner desired to make the bookkeeping entries and to draw a check payable to informant. Because of the urgency of the request, the informant was told to advise NY 694 - S to make the bookkeeping entries and that any instructions that were received from the Bureau would be furnished at a later date.

For cover purposes it appears that the employment of CG 5824 - S by the firm of NY 694 - S is excellent and will allow informant a permanent cover for future New York trips. Also if the Party becomes aware that informant travels, it too may decide to utilize informant's business cover for its own purposes.

Two new problems are being presented to the Bureau in connection with this cover.

The first problem hinges on the question of the legality of CG 5824 - S appearing on the payroll of the firm of NY 694 - S as an employee thus bringing him under coverage of Social Security. The plan agreed to between the informants is that CG 5824 - S will in fact turn the money back to NY 694 - S

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except in cases where he actually earns commissions or otherwise renders service.

The second problem involves the effect of such arrangements on the filing of future income tax returns by informant and his wife.

On the first problem the informant by agreement will actually perform services by making himself available to service the Chicago outlet or answer any local inquiries about the product. He will in effect operate as a "trouble shooter" for the firm of NY 694 - S, but it is not believed these services will be given on a regular basis. Whether or not the fact that CG 5824 - S intends to return the money to NY 694 - S would operate in violation of Social Security regulations is a legal question. It would however, appear that as long as informant renders some service through availability, etc., then what he does with the money is his own personal affair and is therefore legally immaterial.

On point two relative to the effect of open employment on the filing of a fictitious name income tax return as was done for 1952, a new problem is involved. Informant will obviously have to file his open income in the normal way under his true name. The question then is will it be permissible for him to continue to file fictitiously for income received from the Bureau so long as the total tax he pays is the amount he would legally be obligated to pay if he was reporting in the normal open way.

The tax liability will of course, be less if informant and his wife take advantage of the split income provisions of the law and it is felt some solution could be worked out for them to take advantage of these joint tax return provisions.

The opinion of the Bureau is requested on the legality of the cover set up under item 1 and any suggestions made for revisions will be gone over with informant.

Bureau instructions are also requested on ways and means of advising both informant and his wife how to handle tax returns for 1953 bearing in mind that CG 5824 - S and his wife must file open returns for regular income received. The specific matter on which instructions are requested is on

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filing the fictitious name returns so that the informant and his wife will pay the entire tax bill but at the same time be permitted to use any joint return advantages in the statute.

The Bureau's attention is also called to the liability for informant to file a declaration of income and to pay on his estimated tax liability. In that connection it is requested that this office be advised of the Bureau's desires for informant's filing a declaration under the fictitious name he previously used. Since the income of his wife must also be considered in making the computation and the payments received, it is requested that this matter should be considered and instructions should be given as to whether they should file a joint declaration under the fictitious name.

New York is requested to advise NY 694 - S that the Bureau has been requested to go over the legal aspects of the employment cover and that he will be advised if any adjustments will be necessary.

Should additional facts be desired by the Bureau in reference to the technical bookkeeping handling of this case by the firm of NY 694 - S, it is suggested that NY 694 - S is in possession of this information and inquiry should be made of him.

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June 1, 1953

SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

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ReBulet April 23, 1953, instructing the Chicago and Miami Offices to keep the Bureau informed concerning possible employment of informant's son at the [redacted] in Maryland during the summer months.

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On May 22, 1953, CG-5824-S advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN that he had received a letter from his son who stated that it appeared that no students at [redacted] would be hired for these positions and that the government appeared to be hiring teachers instead of students at the school. The son advised the informant that he had decided to take summer courses at the [redacted] and would not engage in government employment.

For information.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-34665)

June 1, 1953

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LENA CHERNENKO, Was. Mrs. Marcel
E. Scherer, Lena Davis, Pauline Sack
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New York is aware of the close personal acquaintance of the above subject with CG-5824-S and of the large amount of information of a national and state character received by the informant from the subject.

CG-5824-S has recently stated that the subject is presently awaiting assignment to the New York State Communist Party Cadre Commission and the importance of keeping this channel of information open appears obvious.

New York is requested to advise whether or not there is any indication of possible prosecutive action in the near future against the subject or MARCEL SCHERER, her husband, by the Bureau in denaturalization action contemplated by INS.

If any such action is contemplated and New York has no objection, this office intends to present this matter to the Bureau in an effort to determine whether or not it might be advisable to withhold prosecutive action on the subject until such time as CG-5824-S is in a position to obtain the same information through other sources.

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TO :
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DATE: * 6-1-53

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

On the above date the writer paid the above informant the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered 5-16-53 through 5-31-53 at the Conrad Hilton Hotel and a receipt was obtained.

C. N. Freyman

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June 16, 1953

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Re Chicago letter to New York entitled "LENA CHERNENKO, was. Lena Scherer", dated June 1, 1953, requesting New York to advise of any contemplated prosecutive action against LENA or MARCEL SCHERER, her husband, by either the Bureau or INS. New York was advised that if such action was contemplated and New York had no objection, the Chicago office intended to present the matter to the Bureau to determine if the Bureau was in agreement, that prosecutive action should be deferred due to the large amount of National and New York State CP information that informant was receiving from this source.

On June 13, 1953, CG 5824-S telephonically advised SA CARL N. FREYMAN that he had been in contact with NY 694-S on the evening of June 12 last, who advised him as follows concerning LENA SCHERER and her sister, ANN BOLDT, both of New York:

SCHERER had contacted NY 694-S on June 12, 1953, and told him that INS had contacted her mother and another relative who were presumably anti-Communist and had obtained damaging evidence against her and her sister. As a result of the INS investigation, and in order to protect the security of active Communist friends, including NY 694-S and CG 5824-S, SCHERER told NY 694-S that she and her husband are severing all contacts with them. She told NY 694-S to tell CG 5824-S the reason for her action and that she would write him only a short note which, combined with the explanation he would get from NY 694-S, would suffice as an explanation.

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The Bureau and New York are aware that LENA SCHERER has been the source of a large amount of national and New York State CP information furnished by informant in the past 15 months. She writes informant an average of two letters a week and these letters contain intimate information concerning the day to day activities of the Party and of individuals currently active at the State and National level.

From the beginning, the informant had one objective in corresponding with SCHERER, that being to counsel her to renew her contacts with leadership in the Party and to eventually assume a leadership position herself so that informant would be in a position to furnish current valuable information available through her and secondly so that her influence could be used to advance informant to a leadership position.

After two visits to the residence of CG 5824-S lasting about 2 weeks, and after contacts with SCHERER in New York, CG 5824-S was successful in persuading SCHERER, who was in disagreement with the FOSTER leadership, to accept a Party leadership assignment if it was offered her. Eight months ago the New York District offered her assignment to the District Commission handling "cadre work"; however, to date she has not functioned in that capacity. Nevertheless she has close association with HARRY HAYWOOD, member of the National Negro Commission; LEON and BARNEY JOSEPHSON; WILLIAM LAWRENCE, in charge of the New York State Cultural Division; GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, Smith Act subject presently in charge of the New York District; and with other Communists of similar stature.

SCHERER also figured prominently in another program which informant was instrumental in developing. This matter involved using SCHERER for contact work with the Russian Embassy in order to possibly develop a factional crisis in the leadership of the CP, USA, through the assistance of Russia in the form of a Duclos letter or similar device to further split the CP, USA, and weaken the Party as a whole. In the past 6 months, informant has been advised that the SCHERERS made at least three trips to Washington to advise the Russians on the leadership and program of the CP, USA.

The quality of information given by SCHERER to the informant is of such a nature that few persons in the CP would, during this present time, think of discussing much less writing.

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Nevertheless, the trust that SCHERER puts in informant is such that she furnishes him with all information coming to her attention, as well as National and New York State inner-Party documents. Intelligence information concerning many of the leading personnel of the CP nationally comes through this source and her personal contacts. Informant was confidentially told in May, 1953, that the son of MARCEL SCHERER had been placed underground in Central or upper New York State. He was also told that WILLIAM LAWRENCE had instructions to go underground.

A review of available information on LENA SCHERER reflects that she was born in Poland in 1928, and arrived in New York on June 4, 1912, under the name of PAULINE SACK. She was naturalized in the USDC, Camden, New Jersey, under the name of LENA DAVIS on February 3, 1928 under naturalization certificate no. C-4362639. Chicago has no background information concerning her sister, ANN BOLDT.

In view of the present investigation by INS on LENA SCHERER and ANN BOLDT, New York is requested to expedite the handling of the matter set out in re Chicago letter and to make appropriate recommendations to the Bureau as to the desirability of requesting deferred action by INS on LENA SCHERER and ANN BOLDT, in order that attempts can be made by CG 5824-S to get LENA SCHERER to renew her contacts with him.

The Bureau is requested to consider the advisability of taking the suggested action following receipt of the requested information from New York.

Three additional copies of this letter are submitted to the Bureau for the files of LENA CHERNENKO, Bufile 100-107137, ANN BOLDT, and MARCEL SCHERER.

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

June 19, 1953

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Reference Chicago letter dated June 4, 1953 summarizing the reactivation efforts of CG 5824-S through June 2, 1953. The following is submitted on informant's efforts from June 3 through June 16, 1953:

On June 5, 1953 the informant advised that he had seen CHARLES MITCHELL, a leading CP Trade Unionist in the Chicago area, who had just returned from the West Coast where he had visited relatives. MITCHELL saw some Party leaders on the West Coast but told informant that he had not seen "BUD" BLAIR on the West Coast because he was told that "BLAIR" is among the "unavailables." MITCHELL told informant that due to his recent illness he believed he would not go back to the International Harvester Plant where he was formerly employed and would look for lighter work. He, however, said that he had been contacted by Party leaders and was told not to seek employment until the Party recontacted him because he was being considered for assignment.

Informant subsequently advised on June 8, 1953 that he had three additional contacts by MITCHELL on June 6, and 7, 1953 and that MITCHELL confidentially told him that the "District Board" had asked him to go underground. He said that he had been instructed to straighten up his personal matters by July 1, 1953 and to be prepared to go about that time. He was given time to think the matter over and was told that he must give the Party a reply by June 11, 1953.

The situation was carefully gone over with informant who advised that in his opinion MITCHELL did not want to go underground but that he did not believe a contact with MITCHELL would cause him to talk or cooperate with the Bureau. Informant said that if MITCHELL went underground there was only a remote possibility that informant could maintain contact with him. Informant felt that a contact

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by the Bureau with MITCHELL might cause the party not to place him underground. Informant advised that if several diversionary contacts were had with close union Communist friends of MITCHELL, he did not believe that MITCHELL would suspect CG 5824-S as an informant.

The Bureau was advised of the above and authority was received to contact two trade union Communist friends prior to contact of MITCHELL. One preliminary contact was made with an associate on June 16, 1953.

On June 16, 1953 the informant again was in contact with MITCHELL and this contact was discreetly observed by Agents. Informant telephonically advised on the same date that MITCHELL had agreed to go underground but that the Communist Union officials of his union were appealing to the CP to retain his services. MITCHELL told informant that he would conform to the ultimate decision of the Party. Informant invited MITCHELL to informant's residence on the evening of June 22, and will, therefore, be in a position to advise of the final decision of the Party as to MITCHELL's assignment.

Since MITCHELL appeared positive that he could keep the dinner date, and because it was felt that this contact with informant should be made before a Bureau contact of MITCHELL, it has been decided to contact MITCHELL immediately after June 22, unless information is received that MITCHELL has been instructed to go underground at an earlier date.

In addition to the above contacts, informant had a four hour meeting with MILTON COHEN, leading Hyde Park Communist on June 10, 1953 and obtained considerable information concerning Party leadership in the District and in the Packing Section.

On June 8, 1953 the informant had contact with Dr. SOLOMAN PEARLMAN, Party Doctor, who indicated that FRANK NUCCI, District #8 Functionary, underground for the past two years, is in Chicago and being treated by a colleague of PEARLMAN's.

On June 10, 1953 SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING. National Functionary, now underground, had lunch with [redacted] She spoke in a friendly manner with the source, and gave her two manuscripts of books she is writing to be submitted to CG 5824-S for reading and criticism. Informant will see her in the near future and

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since informant has reason to believe that SUE KLING has contact with her husband, the informant knows that JACK KLING is being kept currently advised about him.

In addition to the above, informant has during the past two weeks drafted a short note to LEM HARRIS of New York in reply to HARRIS' request for informant to determine whether or not a stock transaction was made with Party money. This letter was sent to NY 694-S for transmittal to HARRIS. He has also drafted and sent a short note to WILLIAM WEINER through the same channel inquiring as to WEINER's health.

Informant additionally has made contacts to set up a meeting with WILLIAM SENNETT, Open District #8 Party leader, sometime within the next week. After a discussion with SENNETT on cadres he will submit a report to BETTY GANNETT, National Open Organization Secretary of the Party.

The expected contacts of PHIL BART and, or, JACK KLING with informant have not occurred to date. Informant advised on June 12, 1953 that he is confident that he will see one or both of these individuals in the near future and stated that patience must be had on this matter.

Developments Relative to Informant's Communist Contacts in New York

On June 12, 1953 informant telephonically advised that it appeared that his Chief Channel of Information in New York, LENA SCHERER, had been cut off due to investigative steps presumably of Immigration and Naturalization Service. Informant advised that he was called during the previous night by NY 694-S from New York who told informant that SCHERER had contacted him and requested him to advise CG 5824-S that she was discontinuing all her correspondence with him in order to protect informant's security. The reason given was that the government had interviewed her mother and another relative and received damaging evidence against her and her sister, ANN BOLDT.

The fact that LENA SCHERER is used by informant to gather information of a National and New York State nature and that informant began over a year ago to attempt to place SCHERER in leadership in order that he could get high level current information was called to the attention of the Bureau by separate letter in order

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that the Bureau might consider the advisability of requesting Immigration and Naturalization Service to defer investigation for the time being thus giving informant an opportunity to reopen his channels to high level information in New York.

Informant's Attitude and Related Matters

Informant's overall attitude toward his work continues to be good. He has said that he is discouraged at times in his work when he sees channels which he has carefully developed and who are indirectly assisting the Bureau vanish due to what he describes as a lack of close liaison between the work of the Bureau and Immigration and Naturalization Service. In the case of LENA SCHERER and her sister, informant pointed out that SCHERER has indirectly and unknowingly for the past year furnished the government with a vast amount of information and party documents and he feels that greater advantage in the security field could be had by the Bureau if this channel was allowed to be kept open than if she was arrested for deportation by Immigration and Naturalization Service at this time. Informant emphasized that he is in entire agreement with the government that prosecution of active Communist leadership is necessary and that it should be continued. He, however, pointed out that in his opinion in order to keep coverage it might in the future be advisable and even necessary for the government to think in terms of keeping some channels open to top leadership by being selective in making arrests so that informants at a high level would not become suspected because they were not arrested with leadership in the same category.

Informant said that in making the above remarks, he is thinking particularly in terms of people like himself who have been active in the Communist Party since his beginning and who was naturalized subsequent to becoming a Party member. Informant stated that if all Communist leaders in this category are ultimately arrested for denaturalization, it might create a situation where he would become suspected. Informant said that certainly there are other people of similar background cooperating with the Bureau who are thinking along the same line. He said that he was raising the above matters only in a constructive vein because of the difficulties he has had in keeping his contacts which in effect curbs the amount of quality information he can furnish. Indicative of how leading Communists react in these matters is the reaction of LENA SCHERER who informant advised on June 17, 1953 had not written him a line since June 10, 1953.

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Proposed Trip to Miami

On June 12, 1953 informant advised that he has received mail from his former wife in Miami indicating that informant should see his son and give him some additional counsel on his father's status. Informant said that he had not seen his son in almost a year and felt that he was neglecting his duties as a father by not seeing him at a time in life when a father's counsel is so important. He added that he felt he should also see his former wife and give her further instructions as to how she should reply if contacted by party people in Miami. He also wants to counsel his son to join a religious group and a social group so that he will not make the same mistakes in life that his father did.

He stated that he would have to make the trip to Miami as soon as possible because his health could not stand the Miami heat of July and August. Efforts were made to get informant to postpone the trip until after the underground contact was made but he advised that in his opinion an absence of about ten days would not affect the contact.

In view of informant's insistence on the need for this trip he was told to go provided he had adequate cover for necessary funds. He said he did not intend to remain longer than ten days and hoped that the trip would give him a much needed rest. No departure date was set because informant wants the date to be flexible in the event that he gets an indication of possible contact. There was no mention of money being provided for this trip because it is being made more or less for personal reasons.

A question does arise, however, as to Bureau policy with respect to regular payments to informant during the period of the Miami trip. To date informant has not indicated whether he expects payment and it is difficult to predict how he might react if payments were cut off during this short period. Informant knows that he is an independent contractor rather than an employee of the Bureau, but whether or not he can be made to understand that the technicalities of the use of the terms are interpreted to mean that he is not entitled to be paid during a vacation period is a difficult question to answer.

For more than a year, informant has made himself available on a seven day a week basis to the Party and the Bureau refusing to leave his home because he might miss a contact. In view of the

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above and because informant may possibly view a refusal to pay him during the ten day absence as indicative of a lack of human understanding of his and his family's personal welfare, this matter is being referred to the Bureau for consideration and advice because of the amount of money involved.

Evaluation and Future Plans

The fact that informant was able to furnish information on the assignment of an individual to underground work three weeks in advance of his departure is indicative of the potential value of this informant once he begins to operate on a full time basis *with* a definite party position.

It is believed that informant has proved his value through the quality of information furnished to date. Continued value of the informant will to a large extent be determined by his ability to get a key assignment when he has his underground contact and also by the success he has in keeping channels of information from the National CP Office open.

The informant's comments relative to keeping channels of information open were incorporated in this letter because it is believed that some of the suggestions and opinions given might be useful in connection with the Bureau's overall program of "Advancement and Development of Informants."

In summary, it is believed that there is every indication that informant continues to make exceptional progress in his reactivation efforts as evidenced by the faith and confidence placed in him by leadership. Reactivation at the level to which informant aspires is difficult and slow and in the complete control of those in leadership of the Party. Nevertheless, informant remains confident that he can reach a top leadership position in due time.

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 JUNE 18, 1953

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IENA SCHERER, WAS, SM-C. LOCAL OFFICE INS ~~CONFIDENTIALLY~~
 ADVISED THIS DATE THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO SEEKING
 AN ARREST WARRANT LEADING TO DEPORTATION OF SUBJECT. AGENT
 TO WHOM INFO FURNISHED WAS REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF NYO HAD
 AN OBJECTION TO ARREST OF SUBJECT AND WHETHER OR NOT THE FBI
 DESIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARREST, SHOULD IT BE MADE.
 AGENT ADVISED ~~CONFIDENTIALLY~~ THAT CHECK WOULD BE MADE OF FILE
 IN NYO TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT ARREST OF SUBJECT WOULD
 ADVERSELY AFFECT INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE AT THIS TIME.
 INS OFFICIALS ADVISE THAT NO ACTION IN THIS CASE WOULD BE TAKEN
 UNTIL THE NYO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW INVESTIGATION PERTAINING
 TO SUBJECT. IT WAS AGREEABLE TO INS THAT AGENT HANDLING THIS CASE
 WOULD CONTACT INS ON OR ABOUT JUNE TWENTYFOUR, FIFTYTHREE. THE
 FOLLOWING FACTS CONCERNING SUBJECT ARE BEING FURNISHED THE
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 OF SUBJECT BE HELD IN ABEYANCE BY INS. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S
 ADVISED TODAY THAT SUBJECT'S MOTHER FANNY CHERMENKY WAS INTERVIEWED
 BY INS AGENTS AND WAS COOPERATIVE IN FURNISHING CP BACKGROUND OF
 SUBJECT AND [REDACTED] SIX NINE FOUR ADVISES THAT RESULTS
 OF INS INTERVIEW WERE OF GREAT ALARM TO SCHERERS.

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BOARDMAN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
JUNE 22, 1953

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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. REBUFILE SIXTYONE DASH SEVEN SIX SIX FIVE, NY TEL TO BUREAU JUNE EIGHTEEN, FIFTYTHREE, ENTITLED QUOTE LENA SCHERER, SM DASH C UNQUOTE ADVISING THAT INS IS CONSIDERING SEEKING ARREST WARRANT LEADING TO HER DEPORTATION. RE ALSO CG LET TO BUREAU JUNE SIXTEEN FIFTYTHREE ENTITLED CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S CONCERNING THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER. LAST CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S FROM LENA SCHERER WAS DATED JUNE EIGHT LAST AND STATED THAT SHE WOULD NOT BE IN CONTACT WITH INFORMANT TO PROTECT INFORMANT'S SECURITY. SCHERER HAS BEEN CHIEF SOURCE OF NATIONAL CP AND NY DISTRICT INFO FOR INFORMANT FOR PAST FIFTEEN MONTHS. INFO SHE HAS FURNISHED IS OF A NATURE THAT INFORMANT DOES NOT BELIEVE CAN BE DUPLICATED FROM ANY OTHER OF HIS KNOWN SOURCES. SCHERER PRESENTLY HAS NO OFFICIAL PARTY POSITION BUT IS AWAITING ASSIGNMENT

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CC: NEW YORK (AIR MAIL - REGISTERED) *sent by 7/6-27-53*
(1-100-34665 LENA SCHERER)

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Approved: _____

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TO QUOTE CADRE COMMISSION UNQUOTE OF NY DISTRICT AND IF
ASSIGNMENT MATERIALIZES SHE WILL HAVE ACCESS TO INFO RE
WHEREABOUTS OF PERSONNEL. SHE IS IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH
NATIONAL AND NY STATE CP FUNCTIONARIES. FOR PAST TEN DAYS
INFORMANT HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO REESTABLISH CONTACT WITH
SCHERER THROUGH USE OF DROP. INFORMANT ADVISED JUNE
TWENTYTWO INSTANT THAT HE BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE TO RENEW
CONTACT IF PRESENT FEAR OF SCHERER OF POSSIBLY COMPROMISING
CLOSE FRIENDS IS NOT INCREASED THROUGH ADDITIONAL
INVESTIGATION. ATTENTION OF BUREAU IS CALLED TO ADVANTAGE
OF KEEPING LENA SCHERER AND ANN BOLDT, HER SISTER, AVAILABLE
AS CHANNELS OF INFO FOR CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S FOR
INFO RE NATIONAL CP AND NY DISTRICT. INFO FURNISHED BY
THESE INDIVIDUALS TO INFORMANT HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY USED
BY NY AND THEY ARE ALSO SOURCES FOR INNER PARTY DOCUMENTS.
BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE NY TO ADVISE INS OF PRESENT
INVESTIGATIVE INTEREST OF BUREAU IN BOTH SCHERER AND BOLDT
AND TO REQUEST DEFERMENT OF PROSECUTIVE ACTION BY INS ON
BOTH SISTERS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SOURCES ARE OF NO USE TO
BUREAU OR INFORMANT HAS OPENED UP OTHER CHANNELS FOR SAME
INFO. FOR INFO OF BUREAU, CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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HAS FURNISHED NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S WITH MAILING
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS FIRM OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO BE USED BY SCHERER FOR FUTURE
CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM.

WEATHERFORD

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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JUNE 22, 1953

URGENT
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SAC, NEW YORK

RE: LENA SCHERER, WAS; SM, C. REURTEL JUNE NINETEEN, LAST AND
CHICAGO LET JUNE SIXTEEN, LAST, ENTITLED QUOTE CO FIVE EIGHT TWO
FOUR DASH S. UNQUOTE. HEADQUARTERS, INS, BEING CONTACTED AND
REQUEST BEING MADE TO ADVISE BUREAU PRIOR TO ANY POSITIVE STEPS
OF A PROSECUTIVE NATURE REGARDING SCHERER AS SUCH ACTION MAY JEOPARDIZE
AN IMPORTANT BUREAU INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED. ADVISE NEW YORK
INS THIS MATTER BEING DISCUSSED BY BUREAU WITH HEADQUARTERS, INS.

HOOVER

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/ 2 CC SAC, CHICAGO (134-46)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

DATE: June 19, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (61-7665)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

Reurlet dated June 1, 1953.

The primary purpose of the plan set forth in your letter is to afford a cover for the informant for future trips to New York. Such a cover may not be necessary in the near future as the groundwork has been laid by the informant whereby he should in a short time receive from the Communist party an assignment which in itself may require travelling on Party business. In addition, the plan outlined in referenced letter contains many complicating factors, any one of which could result in the exposure of the informant.

The present procedure whereby the informant is filing income tax returns under a fictitious name was evolved only after considerable research and discussion relative to the law on the subject and it would be necessary to reconsider our entire operation if the Bureau was to approve the setup outlined in referenced letter. The Bureau does not want to discuss informants with outside agencies or with anyone outside the Bureau as undue interest is created which could lead through the process of elimination to the disclosure of the informant's identity.

According to your plan, not only would a new income tax problem be presented, but the business of the informant, which would be used as the cover, is always open to scrutiny by New York State and Federal authorities. The brother of the informant is also faced with additional income for which some adjustment must be made. You should discontinue this plan as quickly as possible.

With regard to informant's filing a declaration of income, he should do so as any other individual who is faced with this obligation. Finally, the Bureau does not desire the informant to file a joint return and if it is necessary, an appropriate adjustment should be made.

Informant's income should be handled in the future as it is now being handled, namely, by filing under a fictitious name, and his wife should continue to file under her maiden name.

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6/23/53, NEW YORK

BUREAU

LENA SCHERER, WAS; SM-C. REBUTEL 6/22/53. INVESTIGATOR

[REDACTED] WHO IS HANDLING SUBJECT CASE FOR LOCAL
INS, WAS ADVISED THIS DATE THAT BUREAU IS DISCUSSING THIS
MATTER WITH CENTRAL OFFICE INS. [REDACTED] STATED IN VIEW
OF THIS, NO FURTHER ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN BY HIM OR HIS
OFFICE PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS CENTRAL
OFFICE.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

DATE: June 25, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (61-7665)

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SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

Reurlet dated June 19, 1953.

There is no objection to continuing the present financial arrangement with the informant for the period of about ten days when he will visit with his son and ex-wife in Miami.

On page two of referenced letter it was noted that the informant obtained considerable information on Party leadership in District 8 of the Communist Party and in the Packing House Section.

You should make certain that this information is channelized to the appropriate files and given appropriate dissemination.

Close personal attention should be given to this informant in order to develop his potentialities and the Bureau should be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

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TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

DATE: June 25, 1953

FROM : *guc* Director, FBI (100-3-99)(61-7665)~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Reurlet June 4, 1953.

It is realized that it is difficult to obtain complete details from this informant relative to particular situations unless several interviews are conducted with him. The informant has had sufficient time to collect his thoughts and should now be able to provide full and complete details relative to his activities during his recent trip to New York City.

① You are requested, therefore, in connection with referenced letter to obtain from the informant and furnish to the Bureau the results of his discussions with Weiner, as you indicated on page one of referenced letter informant spent considerable time with him.

② On page two of referenced letter it is pointed out informant spent several hours with Betty Gannett and discussed possible specific assignments. In addition, a communications system was arranged.

The Bureau desires details of these specific assignments and the communications system which is to be established.

Any additional clarification of the informant's activities during his trip to New York should be set forth in urlet to the Bureau in order that as much information as possible will be in the possession of the Bureau so that proper evaluation can be made of the informant's position.

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TO : SAC

DATE: 6-26-53

FROM : Carl N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CB 5824-S (134-46)

On 6-19-53 the writer paid the informant \$450.00 for services rendered 6-1-through 6-15-53 (\$400.) and expenses (\$50.00) incurred during his trip to NY in May 1953. Payment was made at the Conrad Hilton and receipts obtained.

AUTHORIZATION 6-1-53 - Benoit B. Mor. Cx4

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JUNE 29, 1953

DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665) (REGISTERED) (~~CONFIDENTIAL~~)

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CG SET TO DIRECTOR CC
NEW YORK JUNE ONE, LAST AND BUREAU CC, ON N.Y. JUNE NINETEEN,
LAST, CAPTIONED ABOVE, REQUESTING IMMEDIATE DISCONTINUANCE
OF EMPLOYMENT PLAN OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S WITH FIRM
OF NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. ABOVE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED WITH
CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ON JUNE TWENTYFIVE, LAST AND RECAP-
TURED AGAIN ON DISCONTINUANCE OF EMPLOYMENT PLAN ON BASIS OF
FEDERAL SECURITY REASONS. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S DESIRES
THAT MATTER BE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL TO NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S
AND SECURE HIS OPINION AS TO HOW CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S
CAN BE TAKEN OFF PAYROLL OF NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S WITH LEAST
AMOUNT OF ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO MATTER. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO
FOUR DASH S AND THIS OFFICE FEEL THAT MATTER MAY BE HANDLED
BY MEANS OF FORMAL LETTER OF RESIGNATION ADDRESSED TO NY SIX
NINE FOUR DASH S WHICH WOULD STATE IN EFFECT THAT CG FIVE EIGHT
TWO FOUR DASH S WAS APPRECIATIVE OF JOB OFFER AND PAY ALLOWANCE
BUT AFTER MONTH OF TRIAL FEELS HIS SALES SKILL IN THIS TECHNICAL

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FIELD WAS INSUFFICIENT FOR HIM TO CAPABLY REPRESENT FIRM IN CG. AREA. HE COULD ALSO REFER TO HEALTH AS PARTIAL REASON FOR RESIGNATION. IN ORDER TO GET ABOUT FILING OF W DASH TWO FORM AT END OF YEAR BY NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S' FIRM, WHICH WOULD RELQUIT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S TO FIRM TO RETURN FOR MONEY RECEIVED, CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S COULD RETURN MONEY ADVANCED IN JUNE, FIFTYTHREE TO NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S WITH STATEMENT THAT HE WAS RETURNING DRAW MONEY BECAUSE HE DID NOT FEEL HE COULD ACCEPT IT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S HAS RECEIVED THREE FIRM CHECKS AND CAN RETURN MONEY TO FIRM OF NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S AT ANY TIME. NY REQUESTED TO DISCUSS REASONS FOR BUREAU'S POSITION IN THIS MATTER WITH NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S AND TO ADVISE HIM THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S IS IN AGREEMENT. CG. HAS ADVISED CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S TO HOLD IN ADVANCE ANY ACTION ON HIS PART UNTIL NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S IS CONSULTED. BUREAU REQUESTED TO CONSIDER PLAN OUTLINED HEREIN AS WELL AS ANY PLANS FOR CANCELLATION SUGGESTED BY NY. CG. HAS NO ALTERNATE PLANS AT PRESENT TO ACCOUNT FOR SOURCE OF INCOME OF CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S, HOWEVER, INFORMANT HAS SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY

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THAT HE MAY BE ABLE TO DO SOME DEALING IN ANTIQUES. NY ALSO REQUESTED TO ADVISE NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S THAT INFORMANT RECEIVED LETTER FROM LENA SCHERER DATED JUNE TWENTYTWO, LAST THROUGH AGREED TO MAIL DROP. HE HAS ASKED HER FOR A DROP ADDRESS IN NY BUT HAS RECEIVED NO ANSWER TO DATE. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S FEELS THAT ARRANGEMENT SUGGESTED BY NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S FOR MAIL TO BE SENT BY INFORMANT TO NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S FOR DELIVERY TO SCHERER WOULD BE ALRIGHT BUT WOULD PREFER TO HAVE SCHERER FURNISH A DROP ADDRESS TO HIM. NY ADVISED NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S WILL NOT WRITE SCHERER FOR DELIVERY THROUGH NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S FOR TIME BEING IN THE HOPE THAT SHE WILL FURNISH HIM WITH DROP ADDRESS.

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Director, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

June 30, 1953

JH SAC, Chicago

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Rebulet, 6-1-53, captioned as above.

On June 29, 1953 Co-ordinating Security Supervisor JOSEPH P. MC ANON and Special Agent CARL N. FREYMAN conferred with MARCUS T. NEELLY, District Director, INS, and his assistant, JOSEPH CUSHMAN, Deputy District Director.

It was pointed out to INS that in view of their increased activities in the Communist field during the past few years, particularly in connection with deportation and denaturalization cases, there was a need for closer liaison between the two agencies in order to avoid possible conflicts and to avoid working against the interests of each other. It was also pointed out that the Bureau fully appreciates the responsibilities of INS and the problems with which they are faced in securing witnesses in connection with such cases.

While no specific cases were mentioned, nor was it indicated to INS that any problems have arisen, it was suggested to INS that they continue their policy of checking with this office before instituting an investigation of a Communist and in addition clear with this office before interviewing any former or known Communist. INS was advised that many old-time Communists and many other Communists whom they believed to be inactive might be utilized by the Communist Party at the present time in connection with underground activities and that if INS should interview them it might interfere with pending Bureau investigations.

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Mr. NEELLY advised he appreciated the problems involved and that he would instruct INS investigators to continue to clear with this office before instituting an investigation and also clear before interviewing a known or former Communist. He stated that a few instances might arise where an investigator would interview a person not known to him to be a Communist or unavoidably be faced with an interview with a Communist in which case he could not clear with this office but that such cases should be very infrequent.

It is not contemplated that any direct inquiries concerning the above captioned cases will be made of INS and it is felt that instant contact may avoid any possible conflict in the future.

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CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL JUNE TWENTYNINE,
LAST. BUREAU AGREES WITH PLAN OUTLINED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL CONCERNING
RESIGNATION OF INFORMANT FROM POSITION IN FIRM OF NY SIX NINE FOUR
DASH S. NEW YORK SHOULD ADVISE NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S THAT ORIGINAL
PLAN OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CHICAGO INFORMANT WOULD POSSIBLY JEOPARDIZE
SECURITY OF THIS ENTIRE OPERATION AND, THEREFORE, BUREAU FELT IT
SHOULD BE ABANDONED. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED
THAT CHICAGO INFORMANT IS IN AGREEMENT WITH BUREAU'S DECISION AND
MONEY ADVANCED TO CHICAGO INFORMANT SHOULD BE RETURNED IN MANNER
DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL.

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2 cc: NEW YORK (VIA REGULAR MAIL) (134-91)

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June 30, 1953

Director, FBI (100-3-99)(100-340711)

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NY 694-S

For your information the Bureau has received a request from Headquarters, Immigration and Naturalization Service for information concerning this individual, who is one of many persons identified in the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley and Whittaker Chambers as subversives. The Immigration and Naturalization Service requested this information with a view toward denaturalization and/or deportation. Since it is known that INS has certain information on the informant, investigative reports indicating Communist activity up to 1948 have been furnished to INS, but reports dated subsequent to 1948 have not been transmitted.

When these reports were furnished to INS, it was ascertained through liaison that no further action will be taken by the Immigration Service relative to the informant. His informant status, of course, has not been made known to INS.

The above is strictly for your information and no contact should be made with local INS relative to this matter.

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July 1, 1953

Director, FBI (100-3-77)(100-17137)(61-7665)

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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LENA SCHERER, WAS.
SECURITY MATTER - C

CG 5024-3

Rebulet dated June 22, 1953, to New York, mail copies to Chicago, in which it was indicated that the Bureau was contacting Headquarters, Immigration and Naturalization Service, relative to inquiries being made by that Agency concerning Lena Scherer.

For the strictly confidential information of both the New York and Chicago Offices, this is to advise that Headquarters, Immigration and Naturalization Service, was furnished with a memorandum requesting notification prior to any positive steps of a prosecutive nature regarding Scherer inasmuch as such steps may jeopardize an important investigation being conducted.

It was learned through liaison with the Immigration and Naturalization Service that action on Scherer will be indefinitely held in abeyance and New York INI has been instructed by Headquarters to defer investigation of Scherer pending further instructions.

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Rebulet June 25, 1953, requesting complete details relative to informant's activities while in New York in May 1953, and specific information concerning informant's discussions with WILLIAM WEINER, and also with BETTY GANNETT in connection with specific assignments and the establishment of a communications system.

Reference also Chicago letter to the Bureau, Attention A.H. BELMONT, dated June 2, 1953, entitled "CP-USA, IS-C" setting forth a resume of the information furnished by informant on the general overall situation in the CP obtained during his trip to New York.

Reference also is made to Bulet to Chicago dated October 8, 1952, entitled "Confidential Informant CG 5824-S" wherein instructions were issued that in connection with summary type letters, "Only the more important items developed by informant need be included in the summary type letter along with any data bearing on informant's progress in reactivating himself in the CP."

Since October 8, 1952, this office has used the above instructions as a guide for reporting informant's contacts and reactivation efforts in bi-weekly summary type letters. In addition, detailed letters reflecting information obtained are disseminated to all interested offices.

Because of the importance of the information developed reflecting on the present status of the CP, and in order to give the Bureau a resume of the quality of information obtained by informant, the referenced resume letter

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of June 2, 1953, was prepared. In addition, a letter listing sources and all information obtained to be disseminated to all interested offices has been dictated and will be disseminated within the next few days.

In connection with the requests set forth in rebulet of June 25, 1953, and particularly to the request for details as to results of discussions with WILLIAM WEINER, it should be noted that particularly in these times much of the time spent when Communists get together is purely "banter" concerning their healthy mutual interests such as books and writings and discussions on what mutual friends are doing. Individuals such as WEINER only talk when security is assured, and during informant's visit to WEINER's residence no conversation of a confidential nature took place in the residence nor at the hospital because WEINER fears a microphone plant. Therefore, informant spent a large part of the time with WEINER on necessary discussions of a close personal nature and important to reactivation but from a substantive viewpoint of little interest to the Bureau. The confidential conversations occurred only after WEINER was able to take himself out of his residence into his yard.

It is believed that the significant happenings relative to informant's reactivation were reported on pages 1 and 2 of referenced Chicago letter of June 4, 1953. Particular attention in that connection is called to the desire of WEINER, despite a serious illness, to see informant immediately and his request that informant be among the few people permitted in WEINER's room while he was in the hospital, and thereafter his request to see informant on almost a daily basis despite a serious illness. Attention is also called to the fact that WEINER placed LEM HARRIS, at the disposal of informant to arrange contacts and meeting places with such people as BETTY GANNETT. This gesture in itself is indicative that WEINER had given approval for informant to see any available functionary, and this would only be done by WEINER for a person who was completely trusted.

In reference to setting up a system of communications, it was

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agreed that informant could either send his letters for WEINER to NY 694-S who would deliver them to LEM HARRIS, or informant could give them to SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, National Functionary, underground, who would transmit them. WEINER in turn will deliver his letters to LEM HARRIS or ISADORE HELLER, his son-in-law, who will turn them over to NY 694-S. WEINER also agreed that HARRY I. MILLER, Chicago businessman and courier, could continue to transmit letters from informant to WEINER.

In reference to specific assignments discussed by informant and WEINER, it is noted that referenced Chicago letter of June 4, 1953, refers to WEINER's statement that he had made contact with the underground leadership and had discussed future work of informant. WEINER told informant that the exact nature of the assignment must await a discussion between the underground leadership and informant, and mention was made that informant would be contacted by PHIL BART or JACK KLING or both. He was told by WEINER that he would not be placed completely underground nor completely in the open. There was some discussion on the need for experienced leadership and the need for training of cadres and it was indicated by WEINER and later by GANNETT that informant's work may be in connection with training and choosing individuals for leadership positions.

It should be noted also that while WEINER has great influence with the leadership of the Party, as does GANNETT, the informant was advised by both WEINER and GANNETT that the underground Party leadership chooses and makes all decisions on "organizational" matters; therefore, according to informant, he must see the underground leadership in order to receive specific assignment and an outline of his work. WEINER can influence informant's reactivation as well as decisions on actual assignment but he cannot assign informant.

Bulet of June 25, 1953, also requested details on discussions of informant with BETTY GANNETT on specific assignments. It is pointed out that GANNETT was aware and told informant that his future work had been discussed by the underground leadership and that it had been decided to assign him. She told him that specific assignment of work must await informant's

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personal contact with the underground leadership because they have the power to decide on "organizational" matters. She stressed the need for developing leadership and asked informant's advice on a program for training leadership. She also told him to discuss leadership problems and personnel with WILLIAM SENNETT, District #8 open organizer. While GANNETT did not indicate she knew what informant's assignment would be, the informant said that he was equipped and able to assist in such work. Since informant knows that GANNETT has no authority to assign him, and further because he does not believe that he should push for a particular job for security reasons, the informant did not request a specific type of work. He did make it clear, however, that he could choose personnel and train leadership, and GANNETT stated that this was the greatest need of the Party today.

In the communications system set up and agreed to between GANNETT and informant it was decided that informant could give letters to SUE KLING, previously described, or could send them to NY 694-S for transmittal through LEM HARRIS.

In evaluating the success of the informant on his New York trip, it is felt by both informant and this office that the significant happenings are frequently the small ones, that is the friendly manner in which informant was received, the willingness of top functionaries to meet and discuss Party matters with informant, and the ability of informant to have these people go out of their way both to assist him in making contacts and to reactivate. Also of great significance is that informant is dealing with top people in the Party who appear to have complete confidence in him.

The informant, by virtue of his experience, is equipped to deal with these people and to know what he can say, how far he can go, who to contact, and what should be done to reactivate himself in the CP; and it is believed that the New York trip did much to further these efforts.

The instructions set out in bulet of October 8, 1952, to this office have been interpreted to mean that the Bureau

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in connection with bi-weekly summary letters did not desire detailed information on substantive matters and only desired summary information on informant's contacts for reactivation purposes. If this interpretation is incorrect and the Bureau desires detailed information on information furnished on important matters such as trips to New York, the Bureau is requested to so advise so that copies of letters with substantive information may be designated for the informant's file at the Bureau.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chgo ¹³⁴⁻⁴⁶ (187-46) DATE: 7-1

FROM : SA C. N. Fryman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S
CRIMINAL-INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of Contact: 7-1 Incoming phone 2 calls.

Files on Which Contacted: 100-3960 + 100-125-

Information Received:

1. -Negative

2. Positive

Re. Results of luncheon Sept. with
Wm Sennett

Action Taken on Information Received: - Classifying Memo to
be dictated

Copy For Other Files: 100-125
100-CP activity in industry
100-CP-Pub. Activities

Personal Data:
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TO : SAC, 134-46 ~~(137-)~~

DATE: 7-2

FROM : SA C. N. F. SupraSUBJECT: C95824-5

CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of Contact: 7/2 incoming phone

Files on Which Contacted: 134-46 - Informant Reactivated

Information Received:

No-William Wern, let
Read from him

1. Negative

2. Positive

Action Taken on Information Received: Chandyzer Memo

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NEW YORK, 7/2/53

BUREAU

BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE FOUR ZERO SEVEN ONE ONE
 NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S./ REMILET JUNE TWENTY SIX LAST. INFORMANT ADVISES

HE WROTE TO JACK COWAN LAST WEEK ADVISING LATTER HE WAS CONTEMPLATING TRIP
 TO TORONTO WITH FAMILY AND ALICE CITRON, IN NEAR FUTURE. TODAY HE RECEIVED
 MOST CORDIAL LETTER FROM COWAN STATING LATTER WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET SIX
 NINE FOUR DASH S AND FAMILY AT NIAGRA FALLS AND QUOTE TO CONVOY THEM TO
 TORONTO UNQUOTE. COWAN STATED HE HAD ROOM FOR TWO OF FAMILY AT HIS HOME.
 MENTIONED THAT QUOTE THE OTHER CANADIAN FRIENDS SEND BEST REGARDS UNQUOTE.
 ALSO STATED TH T QUOTE THERE IS MUCH TO DISCUSS, BOTH OLD AND NEW UNQUOTE;
 THAT HE, COWAN, HAD BEEN VERY BUSY, HAVING BEEN TO EUROPE NINE TIMES IN
 PAST THREE YEARS; THAT HE WENT TO EUROPE BY BOAT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO BUT HAD
 TO RETURN BY PLANE OWING TO WIFE'S MOTHER'S DEATH. COWAN ALSO STATED THAT
 QUOTE A MUTUAL FRIEND FROM CHICAGO UNQUOTE WOULD BE IN TORONTO IN MID JULY
 AND THAT COWAN HOPED SIX NINE FOUR DASH S, QUOTE THE FRIEND UNQUOTE, AND
 HIMSELF COULD SPEND SOME TIME TOGETHER. INFORMANT DOES NOT KNOW TO WHOM
 COWAN REFERS REGARDING QUOTE MUTUAL FRIEND UNQUOTE. COWAN URGED THAT
 INFORMANT LEAVE IMMEDIATELY FOR CANADIAN TRIP. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S
 STATED HE PLANS TO LEAVE FOR CANADA WITH FAMILY AND CITRON ON THURSDAY,
 JULY NINE AND WILL BE IN VICINITY OF TORONTO FOR APPROX MATELY TWO WEEKS.
 STATES BUSINESS COMMITMENTS, CONVENTIONS, ETC. WILL PREVENT HIS GOING AT

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ANY OTHER TIME. IN VIEW OF INFORMANT'S DECISION TO LEAVE NEW YORK ON JULY NINE IT IS REQUESTED THAT BUREAU, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, FURNISH NEW YORK WITH INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER. IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED THAT NEW YORK BE ADVISED AS TO WHAT EXTENT IF ANY BUREAU WOULD BE WILLING TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THIS TRIP. THE INFORMANT PLANS TO TRAVEL BY AUTOMOBILE AND TO OBTAIN AS INEXPENSIVE BOARD AND LODGE AS POSSIBLE FOR HIMSELF, HIS FAMILY AND CITRON.

BOARDMAN

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TO : SAC

FROM : C. N. Freyman

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: 7-6-53

On 7-3-53 the writer paid the above informant the sum of \$400.00 for services rendered from 6-15-53 through 6-30-53 while in Ryans woods. Receipts obtained. Authority 3 mos. dated 5-1-53.

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TO : SAC, 134-46
(137-)

FROM : SA Carl N. Freyman

SUBJECT: C95824-S
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

DATE: 7-6

Date of Contact: 7-6-53 by, 7 phone

Files on Which Contacted: 100-18016.

Information Received:

1. Negative
- ✓ 2. Positive

Action Taken on Information Received: — Disseminate by Memo

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TO : SAC, 134-46 (137-) DATE: 7-7-53

FROM : SA C. N. Fryman

SUBJECT: 65824-S
CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of Contact: 7-7- by phone.

Files on Which Contacted: 134-46 (Reactivation Muller)

Information Received:

1. Negative

2. Positive

Re. 9. Page let. being submitted to
 Betty Gannett in connection with
 Reactivation Efforts.

Action Taken on Information Received: 134- file memo
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Copy For Other Files: /

Personal Data:
 (Change in Residence,
 employment, etc.)

Rating _____

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July 7, 1953

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NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S DASH REURFILE ONE THIRTYFOUR DASH NINETY ONE. REFERENCE N.Y. AIRTEL JULY TWO, INSTANT CONCERNING INFORMANT'S TRIP TO CANADA ON JULY NINE NEXT. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ADVISED JULY SIX, LAST THAT HE IS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY QUOTE MUTUAL FRIEND UNQUOTE FROM CG. MENTIONED IN YOUR AIRTEL. INFORMANT ADVISED THAT HARRY I. MILLER LEFT CG, JULY THREE, LAST FOR CANADA ON FISHING TRIP BUT IT IS NOT BELIEVED HE WILL BE IN VICINITY OF TORONTO. CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S ALSO DESIRES N. Y. TO ADVISE N.Y. SIX NINE FOUR DASH S THAT MILLER EXPECTS TO BE IN N.Y. ABOUT THE END OF JULY WITH HIS FAMILY FOR VACATION AND ATTENDANCE AT LUGGAGE SHOW. INFORMANT IN THAT CONNECTION DESIRES N.Y. SIX NINE FOUR DASH S TO BE INFORMED THAT MILLER HAS RECENTLY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE BUREAU IS INVESTIGATING HIM AND HIS FIRM QUOTE LA SALLE LEATHERS UNQUOTE, WHICH IS A PARTY BUSINESS SET UP BY N.Y. SIX NINE FOUR DASH S. N. Y. SIX NINE FOUR DASH S SHOULD BE ALERTED TO THIS MATTER AND AT SAME TIME SHOULD BE TOLD THAT MILLER HAS NO SUSPICION OF EITHER N.Y. SIX NINE FOUR DASH S OR CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S. HE IS DIRECTING HIS CRITICISM AT LEON KATZEN, DISTRICT NO. EIGHT FINANCIAL SECRETARY, UNDERGROUND, FOR INDISCREETLY USING TELEPHONE AND SEEING

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MILLER TOO FREQUENTLY. HE ALSO HAS ADDITIONAL IDEAS AS TO HOW HE MAY HAVE COME TO ATTENTION OF BUREAU, NONE OF WHICH INVOLVE EITHER INFORMANT. MILLER NEVERTHELESS ADVISED CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S THAT HE WOULD ONLY SEE INFORMANT, IN ORDER TO PREVENT INFORMANT'S EXPOSURE, UNDER URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES. HE WILL, HOWEVER, ADVISE CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S WHENEVER HE MAKES TRIPS TO N. Y. SO THAT INFORMANT MAY SEND MESSAGES. N. Y. ADVISE NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S THAT CG FIVE EIGHT TWO FOUR DASH S IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT ABOVE MATTER BUT DESIRES THAT N. Y. SIX NINE FOUR DASH S BE AWARE OF IT IN ORDER THAT HE WILL BE PREPARED IN EVENT THE MATTER IS DISCUSSED. FOR INFO.

WEATHERFORD

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, _____

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(137-)

DATE: 7-7

FROM : SA O. H. TraynerSUBJECT: Q 5824-S

CRIMINAL-INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of Contact: 7-7 by phone

Files on Which Contacted: 100 - 125

Information Received:

1. Negative

2. Positive

*Informant writing letters to Wm Wiener
and Betty Gannett.*

Action Taken on Information Received: — will get info

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TO : SAC, 134-46 (137- 4)
FROM : SA PH 7 Supman
SUBJECT: CG 5824-S
~~CRIMINAL~~ INFORMANT OR PCI

DATE: 7-6-53Date of Contact: 7-6- by phoneFiles on Which Contacted: 100-18016 (Chas. McDull)

Information Received:

1. Negative
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Action Taken on Information Received: Memo for file

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Personal Data:
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employment, etc.)

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TO : SAC, 134-46
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FROM : SA C. H. Freyman

SUBJECT: C95824-S
~~CRIMINAL~~ INFORMANT OR PCI

DATE: 7/8/53

Date of Contact: 7/8/ 2. phone calls

Files on Which Contacted: 100-18016

Information Received: 134-46

1. Negative

2. Positive

① Info Re. Chas Mitchell

② Read let. to William Weiss Re
Reactivation efforts,

Action Taken on Information Received: Memo 100-18016.

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Personal Data:
 (Change in Residence,
 employment, etc.)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7665)

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CG 5824-S

Re Chicago let June 19, 1953 summarizing the reactivation efforts of CG 5824 through June 16, 1953. The following is submitted on informant's efforts for the two week period through July 1, 1953:

It will be recalled that the chief channel of information of the informant in New York, LENA SCHERER, after advising NY 694-S that she and her sister ANN BOLDT were being investigated by INS, abruptly broke off contact with informant on June 10, 1953.

During the past two weeks, the informant and NY 694-S have attempted to reopen this key channel and through correspondence and personal contact of LENA SCHERER by NY 694-S they have attempted to arrange a new communications system. The informant by letter addressed to LENA SCHERER asked her for a "drop" address and NY 694-S told SCHERER that he could get correspondence to CG 5824-S with security.

Informant was successful in re-establishing contact with SCHERER and received letters but only of a general nature from her on June 22, and 29, 1953. SCHERER told informant that she could suggest no "drop" address. Informant is continuing his efforts to renew his intimate contact with SCHERER and it is hoped that he will be successful in working out a communications system that will appear to SCHERER to be secure for use in intimate Communist Party discussions.

Butel of June 22, last entitled LENA SCHERER, SM-C (Bufile 100-107137) advised that INS is being requested to advise the Bureau before any prosecutive steps are taken against SCHERER. Chicago airtel of June 22, 1953 entitled CG 5824-S requested the Bureau to authorize New York to contact INS to advise of the present investigative interest of the Bureau in LENA SCHERER and

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ANN BOLDT, her sister. This request was made because it was felt that unless open INS interviews were discontinued on both sisters, LENA SCHEERER would feel that investigation was continuing on her as well as her sister, ANN BOLDT, and for that reason she would not jeopardize informant's security by corresponding with him. The Bureau's decision in reference to ANN BOLDT has not been received by this Office.

On June 22, 1953 informant was advised by letter by NY 694-S that he had an appointment to see LENA HARRIS on June 20, last and that informant's note to WILLIAM WEINER would be delivered at that time. A copy of the note was exhibited to the agent and in it informant complained that it was even difficult for him to learn of the status of WEINER's health because "nothing was happening." The purpose of these remarks of course was to get a reply communication and to let WEINER know that he still had no assignment and had not been contacted by the underground. On June 29, 1953 informant advised that he had talked to NY 694-S by phone and had been told that the WEINER letter was delivered and that NY 694-S would see LENA HARRIS to get a reply on June 30, last.

On July 2, 1953 the informant telephonically advised that NY 694-S had sent a letter from WILLIAM WEINER to informant. One paragraph of the letter read in part as follows:

"I was disturbed over the fact that since I last saw you nothing has changed. I have been given definite assurances of quick action and efforts to normalize your situation as much and as soon as possible in the light of current conditions, relationships, and business conditions."

On June 22 and again on June 30, last, informant spent about six hours with CHARLES MITCHELL, CP trade unionist who had early in June confidentially told informant that he was instructed by the District Board of the CP to go underground about July 1, next. Thereafter, MITCHELL's Union had asked the CP to return him to the plant where he was formerly

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employed because his services were needed there. On June 22, last MITCHELL told informant that the District Board had overruled the request of his Union and had assigned him underground. He said however that he had an ulcer case and his doctor had told him that he may have to enter the hospital unless his condition responded to treatment. He told informant that he would keep him advised.

On June 29, 1953, MITCHELL told informant that he had again seen the District Board and told them of his condition. He said his doctor had ordered him to a hospital and that he would be treated for about a week. He also said he had enrolled in a refresher course in bookkeeping which would last four weeks. He did not state that his underground assignment had been cancelled and informant believes that MITCHELL will leave whenever the CP orders him to do so.

It has been possible, through the above information furnished at least three weeks prior to departure of MITCHELL for underground assignment, to conduct discreet fisurs of MITCHELL and it has been determined through this investigation that MITCHELL has about \$5,000 in his bank account which is believed to be party funds. Authority has also been received from the Bureau to contact MITCHELL in an effort to seek his cooperation prior to his departure. All diverting contacts have been made preparatory to this interview, however, it is now believed advisable to await MITCHELL's departure from the hospital before a contact will be attempted. This matter is being closely followed and if it is felt the informant might in any manner be compromised, MITCHELL will not be contacted.

On June 29, CG 5824-S advised that [redacted] had been called by SUE KLING, wife of JACK KLING, National CP underground functionary, who inquired as to whether informant had read her manuscripts and as to when she could visit the source to get informant's criticisms. Arrangements were made for her to meet the source for luncheon on July 1, last. The source also invited SUE KLING to spend a few days at informant's residence during the following week since KLING's children are going to camp and this would afford an opportunity for KLING to spend a few days resting. The purpose of this arrangement is to enable informant to determine, if possible, where JACK KLING is and whether SUE KLING is in contact with him. Informant feels that the personal contact with KLING's wife will get to KLING and this may hasten informant's contact with KLING as well as eventual assignment.

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On July 1, 1953 CG 5824-S met with WILLIAM SENNETT, CP District #8 Organizer, who operates openly. The purpose of this meeting was to determine what action the District Leadership had taken on the matter informant had been instructed by BETTY GANNETT to discuss with him in order that informant could report back to the National Office.

It will be recalled that when informant was in New York in May 1953, GANNETT told informant to see SENNETT and determine what was being done to train Cadre leadership in the District and whether the District leadership could use the services of the informant in choosing personnel and for training for leadership positions. SENNETT at the time of a previous contact agreed on the need for the selection and training of future leadership personnel and told informant that he would refer GANNETT's instructions to CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, underground District Organizer.

On July 1, last, SENNETT told the informant that he had taken up the proposal of GANNETT to utilize the services of informant for leadership training purposes with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CP District #8 underground organizer. LIGHTFOOT and individual members of the District Board carefully considered the matter and decided that Cadre training and education in the District were its greatest needs at present, however, the District at the present time did not have personnel available for such a program. SENNETT told informant that it was decided to make an interim counter proposal to informant, to have him outline a program and advise a group of leaders in working out the Communist program in connection with choosing candidates and a platform for the Chicago Municipal elections. SENNETT told informant that the District Board was prepared to give him a group of people to do the actual work and mentioned that PHIL KOSSOFF, Organizer of the Professional Division in the District could be used on a limited basis. He said that the District wanted a program formulated as soon as possible and that it must be completed within the next three to four months.

Informant told SENNETT that he would report back to the National Office concerning the postponement of the Cadre leadership training program and at the same time would ask the National Office if it desired informant to work with the District on the city election program.

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The purpose of informant in not accepting the above assignment immediately was to gain make it known to the District leadership that he is not subservient to it but instead is under the jurisdiction of the National Office and approval for any work done by him must come from the National Office. Informant advised that he will now report this matter to BETTY GANNETT and await a reply from her as to whether he should work in this matter in the District but it is his opinion that he cannot continue to refuse District assignments.

SENNETT told informant that he was going to New York in a few days and would vacation beginning on July 18, next. He arranged to meet with informant again on July 15, next. The meeting and discussions were on a friendly and frank basis on matters pertaining particularly to Party strategy and tactics in the Trade Union field.

On the same date [] had luncheon with HARRY I. MILLER, informant's courier, who told her that he would not be surprised if both he and his firm, a Party business, were being investigated by the Bureau. He added that he was angry at LEON KATZEN, CP District #8 Financial Secretary, now underground, because KATZEN used the phone too much and saw MILLER too frequently. He also told the source that other people including his former business partner, MAX WEINSTEIN talked too much and there is a possibility that the Bureau may learn of his connection through investigations being conducted on other people. MILLER told the source that for this reason he is limiting his contacts with CG 5824-S to a minimum. He will, however, continue to advise informant when he goes to New York and would take anything in for the informant. He then told the source that he expected to go to New York with his family about the end of July.

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Evaluation and Future Plans

Informant's overall attitude continues to be good and there is no doubt in his mind concerning contact and ultimate assignment by the underground leadership in the near future. In the meantime, he is carefully laying plans through contacts and correspondence to hasten assignment through the influence of WILLIAM WEINER and BETTY GANNETT.

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In that connection the informant advised that the reply note from WILLIAM WEINER received on July 2, last is most encouraging. He is now drafting a report for BETTY GANNETT on his discussion with WILLIAM SENNETT concerning work in the District. In the same note, he will indicate that he has not been contacted by the underground leadership.

Informant is quite certain that SUE KLING has contact with JACK KLING, National underground leader who reportedly was designated to discuss assignment with informant. For that reason, he is building up a close personal friendship with her through contacts and reading and criticizing her manuscripts. On July 2 and 3, next SUE KLING will spend the night at the informant's residence, having accepted an invitation to do so from [redacted] who is also a close friend of SUE KLING. b7D

Informant advised on July 2, 1953 that he believes he will accept the responsibilities, above referred to by SENNETT. He added that SENNETT, among others mentioned to work with informant, offered PHIL KOSSOFF, District Professional Organizer and Dr. WALTER NEFF, husband of MARY NEFF, a Communist leader in the Chicago area. He will allow SENNETT to suggest other personnel and in addition, will make some suggestions of his own.

The MILLER matter was discussed with informant on July 2 and informant said that while he is concerned he does not consider the matter of any significance at this time. He is certain that MILLER has no suspicion of him personally since he continues to be friendly and all conversation about the security matter was directed toward persons other than informant.

This office is of the same opinion as informant on the MILLER matter. The fact that MILLER stated he would not be surprised if he was being investigated is regarded as significant. MILLER knows that both ILON KATZEN and DAVID ENGELSTEIN, both CP functionaries in the underground, have used his name in connection with employment references. In that connection, efforts were made about a year and a half ago by this office through inquiry at MILLER's place of business to verify these employments. MILLER can

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therefore logically reach the conclusion that any connections between him and KATZEN were established in this manner.

Developments Relative to Informant's
Communist Contacts in New York

The informant with the active help of NY 694-S at New York appears to have reestablished contact with his chief source of National Party Office information in New York, LENA SCHERER to a very limited extent.

He has furnished her with the firm address of [redacted] to use as a "drop" for her letters to him. She has advised informant that she has no "drop" for him to use in New York. NY 694-S has suggested to CG 5824-S that letters to SCHERER be sent to him to personally deliver to SCHERER. CG 5824-S, however, would prefer for SCHERER to name a "drop" and for the time being will direct his efforts along these lines.

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Informant has advised that before SCHERER writes on intimate party matters to him in the future some time may elapse because she fears that mail is intercepted and will be interested in protecting her friends including informant. He said her reaction to INS investigation was normal for Communists and the reaction will continue if investigation continues on her sister ANN BOLDT.

Chicago by airtel of June 22, 1953 presented these facts to the Bureau for consideration and action if it was felt that the interest of the Bureau were best served by keeping informant's National Office channels open. Bureau airtel to New York of June 22, last advised that INS was being requested to advise the Bureau before positive steps of a prosecutive nature were taken against LENA SCHERER. No reply has been received as to the Bureau's decision on ANN BOLDT.

Re Cover Employment with Firm of NY 694-S

Bulet of June 19, 1953 requested discontinuance of the employment cover plan of CG 5842-S with NY 694-S firm as soon as possible. Chicago airtel to the Director and New

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York of June 29, last advised that CG 5824-S had no objection to the instruction provided that NY 694-S was able to handle it in a secure way. New York was requested to contact NY 694-S for his reaction and a reply has not been received to date.

On July 2, 1953 CG 5824-S advised that he was in receipt of a letter from NY 694-S which said that the New York informant felt that it would be difficult to handle this matter because his accountant and other people would not understand why he was leaving so soon.

As soon as this office receives full details from New York on the results of the interview of NY 694-S, a separate letter will be submitted in this matter.

Health and Miami Trip

For the past ten days the informant's health, due no doubt in part at least to the heat, has deteriorated. He has kept all appointments both with the agent and Party people, but only with great effort. He has been instructed to consider his health first in preference to scheduled appointments if he feels that the strain will impair his general physical condition. He is not an individual who will heed such instructions when a job is to be done, however, with the assistance of [redacted] efforts will continue to keep him as fit as possible considering his general physical makeup. b7D

Informant still speaks of a Miami trip to see his son and ex-wife but expresses reluctance to leave Chicago until he has his underground contact. To date, no departure date has been mentioned and it is believed now that he will not make the trip until such time as Miami weather will be more favorable.

The Bureau will be advised of all developments.

SAC

July 10, 1953

SA CARL N. FREYMAN

HARRY I. MILLER
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On July 2, 1953, [] orally advised the writer that he had personal contact with HARRY MILLER on July 1, 1953 and obtained the following information:

The information set forth herein must be carefully handled and paraphrased as to date and content to afford maximum security to this high placed source. Should MILLER be interviewed there must be no reference made to this information.

MILLER told the source that he has knowledge that the Bureau is interested in both him and his firm, the "La Salle Leather Company." He indicated that this may have come to his attention in connection with some phase of the investigation to locate LEON KATZEN in which his name and the name of his firm were linked with KATZEN.

MILLER told the source that he could understand that the Bureau would be interested in him, but feels that there is a "leak" somewhere. In attempting to place the blame for the "leak" MILLER said that he is angry at KATZEN because KATZEN called him by phone and met him too often. He believes that his employees are not responsible because even his secretary is not aware of his "political" views. He suspects that the Bureau may have obtained leads through MAX WEINSTEIN, his former business partner, who MILLER said talks too much about his family connections with HARRY BRIDGES. He believes that the Bureau in connection with a WEINSTEIN investigation may have gone into the LaSalle Leathers matter.

MILLER said that he is so disturbed about the matter that he has decided to limit his contacts to a minimum.

He is leaving July 3 on a fishing trip to Canada with two brothers and a nephew.

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100- (BUR KLING)
100-3313 (JACK KLING)
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Late in July, MILLER and his family will vacation in New York and attend a luggage show.

The source was alerted for additional details concerning this matter and will report when they are available.

It is pointed out that this information is highly confidential and future investigations of MILLER and KATZEN should be conducted with these facts kept in mind. Caution must be exercised during interviews with persons including business contacts of MILLER, keeping in mind that they may report back to MILLER or KATZEN.

The source on the same date advised that SUE KLING's children are attending summer camps, the Henry Horner and Jewish People's Institute Camp "Chi" for the first three weeks in July. SUE KLING plans to take a one-week vacation possibly about the middle of July. She mentioned that she may vacation at the "Dunes."

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TO : SAC (134-46)
FROM : C. N. Freyman
SUBJECT: Cg-5824-S

DATE: 7/9/53

On 7/9/53 an FD # 9 was submitted to the Bureau.

The following is a current physical description of this informant.

Birth - 7-10-02 or 03 in Russia.
Naturalization - CN 2507201 issued Chicago 10/19/28 (verrif.)
Race - white
eyes - blue
hair - dk brown - slightly grey
weight - 150
height - 5-8½
build - medium
sex - male
complexion - medium
photo - available
Peculiarities - walks slowly, straight Roman type nose.

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TO : SAC, (134-46)
 FROM : SA C. H. Freeman
 SUBJECT: C95824-S
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DATE: 7-9-53Date of Contact: 7-9-53

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 100-15214

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 100-Betty Mitchell

100-17526

100-15040

100-2398-Rakossi-Hungarian

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100-18016

100-Lena Scheer

Action Taken on Information Received: 100. Wm Sennett

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NY 694-S. RECGAIRTEL TO BUREAU AND NY, 6/29/53, ENTITLED
 CG 5824-S. NY 694-S ADVISED CG 5824-S CONNECTION WITH NY
 FIRM SHOULD BE TERMINATED BY LETTER OF RESIGNATION AS
 SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE CG AIRTEL. PAYMENTS TO CG 5824-S
 WILL BE DISCONTINUED. NY 694-S WILL LEAVE FOR TORONTO ON
 7/10/53 AND RETURN ON 7/25/53. ALICE CITRON WILL ACCOMPANY
 HIM AND FAMILY. CG WILL ADVISE CG 5824-S THAT HIS MESSAGE
 TO BETTY GANNETT WAS DELIVERED THROUGH MAX WILLIAMSON AND
 MESSAGE TO WILLIAM WIENER WAS DELIVERED THROUGH LEN HARRIS.
 NY 694-S TODAY RECEIVED WIRE FROM JACK CONAN IN TORONTO IN
 IT STATED HE WILL BE EXPECTED TO MEET NY 694-S IN TORONTO
 ON SUNDAY, 7/12/53.

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TO : SAC, _____

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DATE: 7-13

FROM : SA Chas. H. FrymanSUBJECT: Cy-8124-5

CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of Contact: 7-13

Files on Which Contacted:

Information Received:

100-18016 (Chas. Mulholland)
100-8588 (Lena M. Scher)

1. Negative
2. Positive

Also advised informant of delivery
by 100-8124-5 of ltr to Betty Gannett
and William Warner.

To Be

Action Taken on Information Received: disseminated

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TO : SAC, ¹³⁴⁻⁴⁶
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DATE: 7-14

FROM : SA Carl N. FreymanSUBJECT: 95-824-5

CRIMINAL INFORMANT OR PCI

Date of Contact: 7/14/ Phone .

Files on Which Contacted: 100-18016 - Char Mitchell

Information Received: 100-125 -
100 - William Sennett .
100 - Sae Cohen

1. Negative

2. Positive

Apptmts to see Sennett 7/15
Mitchell will call 7/16/ for
get together.

Action Taken on Information Received: to be disseminated.

Copy For Other Files:

Personal Data:
(Change in Residence,
employment, etc.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Chicago (134-46)

DATE: July 10, 1953

FROM : Director, FBI (100-3-99)(61-7665)

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Reurlet dated July 2, 1953.

In connection with summary letters the Bureau does not desire detailed information on substantive matters, but sufficient data on the progress of the informant to properly evaluate his status and potentiality.

It is appreciated that complete details of informant's activities must be channelized to the appropriate files, but at the same time you should set out in the summary letters sufficient details so that the informant's file at the Bureau will contain pertinent information indicating his value to the Bureau.

The Bureau is extremely interested in your reports relative to the informant's meeting with high-ranking Communists and for that reason you were requested in Bulet of June 25, 1953, for more data concerning discussions of the informant with Weiner and Gannett.

Your good judgment should prevail in preparing these summary letters in the future and as mentioned above, the Bureau does not want complete details of informant's activity in summary letters, but sufficient pertinent data should be set forth for a proper evaluation of the informant's status at all times.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: CG 5824-S

DATE: July 14, 1953

On July 8, 1953, CG 5824-S telephonically advised the writer that he had written and was mailing a letter to WILLIAM WEINER. He read the letter to the agent and asked for instructions as to the advisability of sending it.

The letter in substance is generally personal in nature since the informant and WEINER are close friends of many years and have worked closely in the Communist Party.

After preliminary personal remarks, the informant mentioned that he had SUE KLING at his residence the preceeding week and went over her two manuscripts and gave her criticism on them. He mentioned that his sales job is not going so good and that he may have to discontinue it.

He stated that there is nothing new to report "on other matter." He said that he has made efforts to "normalize" local connections since his return from New York. He spoke of meeting the District people and of being offered work of a nature that he could only term a "gross insult." He added that he is developing greater patience than even WEINER could imagine.

He commented that he had sent a note to BETTY GANNETT along similar lines. He added that in his opinion the "Younger Ones" are motivated on a personal basis and do not see the "bigger picture." He concluded by asking WEINER to reply if he could.

The informant advised that in the Communist Party, the leadership is used to his asserting himself and that he can speak in this manner to WEINER and GANNETT. He added that "politically" he is in a good spot and the Communist Party needs "United Front" leadership such as he is known to represent.

Internationally, according to the informant, the Communist Party, USA, leadership is wrong and changes must come or they will be demanded by the Russians.

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The informant was told to post the letter but that it was felt that in view of WEINER's commitments of July 1, 1953, no additional letters of this type should be submitted until such time as the reactions of WEINER, GANNETT, and the National leadership can be determined.

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA CARL N. FREYMAN

SUBJECT: CG 5824 - S

DATE: July 15, 1953

On July 7, 1953 CG 5824 - S telephonically contacted the writer for an opinion as to whether or not a letter to BETTY GANNETT should be sent at this time and to determine whether or not Supervisor JOSEPH P. McMAHON and the writer were in agreement with the contents of the letter.

The informant read the letter to the agent with the statement that it must be kept in mind that he had been instructed by BETTY GANNETT to see WILLIAM SENNETT, District No. 8 Open Organizer to discuss with him a District program to set up a CP line for trade union strategy, education and selection of future cadre personnel. Discussions with SENNETT in June and July, resulted in the District leadership rejecting any training of cadres at this time due to lack of personnel and other responsibilities. A counter proposition was offered to informant by SENNETT for him to work out a Party program, with personnel provided at his request by the District, for the 1954 municipal elections. This proposition while not rejected by informant at the time, has been considered and the informant has now decided that he must reject it because it is not the type of assignment that a national functionary should accept at this time. With this background in mind informant drafted the nine page letter to GANNETT previously mentioned.

The letter in substance states that informant having returned from New York and conversations with GANNETT almost two months ago still finds himself in a position where he is literally "talking to himself" on Party matters. He reported that in conformance with instructions of GANNETT, he has seen SENNETT and told him of GANNETT's suggestions (not a decision of the national office) to assign informant to trade union political work, cadre training and the choosing of cadre personnel. He reported the decision of the District to the effect that as of the present time, it was not possible for the district, due to lack of people, to start such a program. He reported that SENNETT in behalf of the district leadership made the counter proposal that

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informant lead and coordinate a District Program for the Municipal elections of 1954. He stressed the point that he would work with "non trade union" people in connection with this proposal and informant made this point because GANNETT in discussion with informant stressed the need for industrial concentration.

He said that he had no serious objection to the proposals of the District for him to work with a "couple of statisticians" on such a project. He said that he raised no serious objections because he did not want to discourage the "younger ones" and did not want them to think that he is a "prima donna."

Informant then referred to the June 15, 1953 editorial of "For a Lasting Peace for a Peoples Democracy" which stressed the necessity for building cadres and for adequate grounding of leadership in Marxist theory and practice and cited the editorial to show that the greatest need of the Party now is cadre training without which there can be no Communist advance.

He said he felt that his experience would contribute to molding cadres and the political tasks of the Party, but that until such time as he knows what is happening, he can make no suggestions, form no policy, can prepare no outlines for work, and he is unable to do any writing.

He commented that it is likely that GANNETT will see SENNETT before he does and if so she can discuss with SENNETT what "We had in mind when we talked".

Informant advised that he feels he can talk this way to GANNETT because both he and GANNETT are "old timers" in the movement and she will readily understand his displeasure at the treatment afforded him by the District leadership and also his contempt for the assignment proposals made to him by the District.

In connection with the assignment proposal of the District, informant advised that he has definitely decided to reject it flatly and will do so at his next meeting with SENNETT on July 15, next.

In the meantime the informant has instructed [redacted] to deliver a message to SENNETT to the effect that he should not discuss the project matter with anyone until he sees informant again.

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In addition to the above note which informant is submitting airmail to NY 694 - S on July 7, instant, for delivery to GANNETT,

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informant is also drafting a note to WILLIAM WEINER replying to WEINER's note of July 1, last.

The advisability of sending the GANNETT note was discussed with Supervisor JOSEPH P. McMAHON who advised that he was in agreement with informant in rejecting the District proposals and in sending this "frank" note to GANNETT.

Accordingly informant was instructed to send the note air mail so that NY 694 - S will have an opportunity to deliver it before he departs for Canada on July 9, next.

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FBI, CHICAGO

7/15/53

DIRECTOR, FBI

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NY-694-S. CG-5824-S WAS IN RECEIPT ON JULY 15, 1953 OF CARD FROM NY-694-S
FROM TORONTO, DATED JULY 13, 1953. IT READ IN PART AS FOLLOWS: "SO FAR
SO GOOD DASH CANADA HAS OPENED ITS DOORS TO US. SO FAR IN TORONTO THERE
HAS BEEN ONE CELEBRATION AFTER ANOTHER WITH OLD FRIENDS. THEY ALSO ARRANGED
A SPECIAL RESORT RESERVATION AT A CAMP WITH A COTTAGE FOR US." FOR INFOR.

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cc: 1 - New York (134-91)(AIR MAIL, REGISTERED)

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